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WASHINGTON.

Debate in the Senate on the Air-Line Railroad Bill.

Mr. Schenck's Bill Regulating the Payment of Interest on Bonds.

Passage of a Bill to Regulate the Franking Privilege.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Mr. SHERMAN, after much difficulty, succeeded in getting his Air Line Railroad bill considered for an hour in the Senate to-day.

A NEW FINANCIAL BILL.

Gen. SCHENCK introduced to-day a very important financial bill, elsewhere given in full, which, though dated and containing but three points, and only one of them an actually practical proposition, nevertheless embodies nearly all that is likely to be agreed upon by Congress at its present session. It virtually declares that the bonded debtor the United States is payable in coin, except where specifically made payable in lawful money, but that the payment of the bondholders should not be made until the holders of United States notes are paid in coin; in other words, until specie payments are resumed. The second section is the practical proposition, and in careful terms legalizes gold contracts. It is understood that the clear majorities by the bill have already harmonized the views of quite a number of the principal men in the House. It will be noticed that it is not open to the objections made in to-day's TIMES against Mr. SHERMAN'S bill. Mr. SCHENCK gave notice that he should report it back from the Ways and Means Committee, and act action on it next week. This indicates that he feels certain that the Committee will agree to it, and they probably will.

MR. SHERMAN'S FINANCE BILL.

Mr. SHERMAN gave notice to-day that he should call up on Monday next the Finance bill, with amendments reported from the Finance Committee on Monday, and now before the Senate. Mr. FESSENDEN, in the course of debate to-day, expressed his satisfaction with the leading features of the measure, characterizing it as extremely judicious in many points. He expressed himself in opposed to the amendments of Senator CARPENTER.

THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Senate Finance Committee were in session this morning for about an hour, when there was a general conversation on the financial measures before Congress, and also on the advisability of amending in some essential particulars the National Bank law, as indicated in to-day's TIMES.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

The House to-day passed the bill prohibiting the use of *fac simile* stamps by members for franking purposes. The second section, which prohibited the sending of mail matter free to members, was stricken out, for the reason, as several members explained, that the abuse was not with people who wrote to members, but with members themselves in their misuse of the privilege.

UNRECONSTRUCTED GEORGIA.

The Senate Judiciary Committee have determined to report adversely on the claim of Joshua HILL, of Georgia, to be admitted as a Senator from that State. The whole question of the reconstruction of Georgia has been examined very fully in the Committee, and the decision has been arrived at that the State is not entitled to representation in Congress. There are no grounds of objection to Mr. HILL, but the members of the Committee are not satisfied that the requirements of the Reconstruction laws have been honestly carried out in the reorganization of the State.

VIRGINIA RECONSTRUCTION.

Gov. WELLS, and several other gentlemen of the Radical Republican school were before the Reconstruction of the House and Judiciary Committee of the Senate to-day, and were heard in opposition to the memorial of the Conservatives, submitted to those Committees yesterday. The party represented by Gov. WELLS are very hostile to the changes in the Constitution proposed in this memorial. They argue that Virginia should be reconstructed on the same basis as has prevailed in the other reconstructed States, and that the same degree of compliance with the terms of the Reconstruction acts should be exacted from Virginia that has been exacted from South Carolina.

THE PAYMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Mr. EDMUNDS tried very hard to get up the joint resolution introduced by him some time ago, pledging the faith of the nation to the payment of the public debt in coin or its equivalent, but the Senate refused to do so by a majority of one, giving Mr. SHERMAN'S bill the preference. Mr. WILSON, of Maryland, made a long speech in opposition to the proposed line, after which the Senate went into Executive Session.

SAVINGS BANKS STATISTICS.

In the statistics of savings Banks given in these dispatches yesterday in refutation of Mr. KELLEY'S remarks on the revenue report, the State alluded to should have read Connecticut instead of Massachusetts. The figures were correct when applied to the former State.

THE DENVER PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The discussion on the bill of the Union Pacific Railroad, Eastern Division, was continued to-day in the House. After the morning hour, Messrs. COVODE and KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, each made speeches of nearly an hour in length in support of the bill, and Mr. VAN TRUMP, of Ohio, followed in opposition, but gave way at 4:20 o'clock for adjournment. Some twenty gentlemen have signified their intention of speaking, but they will not all have the opportunity, as it is proposed to move the previous question to-morrow.

NOMINATIONS BEFORE THE SENATE.

The Senate was in Executive Session to-day for about an hour. The nominations of Gens. BUCHANAN and GILLEM to the grade of Brigadier-General, in place of Gen. HOOKER, retired, and Gen. MCCLELLAN, deceased, were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and the nomination of JOHN L. DESHA to be Naval Officer at New-York, went to the Committee on Commerce. The withdrawal of the name of FERRY FULLAM to be Collector at New-Orleans, caused considerable surprise. Some Executive Session. The nomination of ALEXANDER CUMMING to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue was confirmed. The Finance Committee had reported adverse to him unanimously, but Mr. CARPENTER's eloquence in his behalf, have given him much strength, and there is a probability of his confirmation. As indicative of this, it is possible the nomination to the Committee on Finance failed by a considerable majority. This conversation and the nomination of Mr. SHERMAN are the talk of the Capitol, and the fact that the contest is so close in such close distinctions has led to so large a Senatorial Funeral, and carried out practically his administration which many Senators have arrived at, which is, not to embrace more organizations except in cases of absolute necessity, or where the public interests are imperilled by present adjournment.

LIBERY FUNDS.

From a communication sent to the Senate to-day by the Secretary of War, it appears that the Government has paid $2,[illegible] for rent of Libby Prison from April 4, 1864, to June 30, 1868. The property still in use by the Government, the annual rental being $4,[illegible] per month.

THE BAPTIST QUESTION.

It has transpired here in diplomatic circles that the Greek Government has the option of accepting the results of the Paris Conference. As evidence of this, it has been noted that some of our leading builders of war vessels are being conferred with, for the purpose of ascertaining the cost and time necessary to fit out six ships, each of Greece may wish. Usually Greece has no money wherewith to pay for such trifles; but having recently made a loan of $20,000,000, she may be ready now to buy a fleet. The present Greek Charge d'Affaires here is Mr. C. A. RANGABE, son of the Greek Minister to France.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

SUBMISSIONS ON THE PRESIDENT'S.

The President today nominated to the Senate Solomon G. Kerr, marshal for and Eastern District of Minnesota; Forest A. Bailey, attorney and Eastern District of Tennessee; John L. Dawes, Naval Officer for the District of New-York; Benjamin Fairs, of Wisconsin, to be Commissioner to ascertain the amount of money expended; Mr. Bunsen C. Duncan and E. C. Gaines, to be Surveyor-General, in place of Kennedy, resigned, and Hooper, removed; and Winslow H. Wagner, Collector of Customs at New-Orleans, in place of Perry Fullam, whose nomination has been withdrawn.

THE DEPARTMENTS OF WAR AND GREAT BRITAIN.

The Department of State today received a telegram from the United States Minister at London, acquainting the revocation of the order prohibiting the importation of hay from this country to Great Britain.

GEN. KILPATRICK'S ILLNESS.

The leave of absence of Major-Gen. KILPATRICK has been extended until March. The report that he has been drawing pay from the Government while absent from his post is without foundation.

NATIONAL BANK SECURITIES.

The substitution of United States bonds, bearing currency interest, issued to the Pacific Railroad Company, for United States bonds bearing gold interest, as security for the circulation of the National Banks, has been suspended by the Comptroller of the Currency until the pleasure of Congress shall be known on the subject.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today, through Chief Justice CARTER, declined to decide to the request of JOSEPH E. BRADLEY, made several days since, that the order for his disbarment be considered simply a suspension of his practice before that Court. The Supreme Court of the United States having reversed a peremptory mandamus to the Judges of the District Court to restore BRADLEY to its Bar, it is supposed the next step will be the serving of that process on or before Monday next.

The Court said in conclusion of its opinion that when carefully read it will be seen that his paper of Mr. BRADLEY contains regrets enough. He feels is that they are not regrets for his own conduct, but regrets for the action of the Court. He retracts nothing that he has said, and makes apology for nothing that he has done. He regrets only that any word or action of his should have been interpreted by the Court as an indignity. He stands by his language uttered to Justice FREDERICK in Court, and by his challenge to him afterward; but laments that the weakness of the Court should have found anything to blame in these most inoffensive acts on his part. The motion to have the order of the Court disbarring Mr. BRADLEY modified is denied.

THE PHILADELPHIA MINT.

The following gentlemen have been appointed by the President a special Commission to attend the annual assay of the Mint at Philadelphia on the 6th of February next, for the purpose of making the annual trial of the gold and silver coin received for that purpose by the Mint of the United States and the branches thereof: Prof. JOSEPH HENRY, of Washington, D. C.; JOHN TORREY, of New-York; E. H. DERBY, of Boston; Prof. A. J. UPSON, of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.; Prof. A. L. PERRY, of Williams College, Massachusetts; ANTHONY J. DREXEL, of Philadelphia; Prof. E. HOWARD HARP, of the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia; JOHN JAY KNOX, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency; M. C. RIDD, of Hudson, Ohio; Hon. GEORGE WILKES, of Springfield, Mass.; Hon. JOHN M. MCCLINTOCK, of Pittsburg, Penn.

THE AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

The report of the American Colonization Society, now in session here, shows that the balance in the treasury Jan. 1, 1869, was $8,422. The receipts for the past twelve months have been as follows: From donations, $26,109; from legacies, $16,794; other sources, $8,861. The sum of $21,766 it has been expended for transportation of emigrants, their support on the voyage and for the first six months after landing in Liberia; $16,000 for repairs to the sailing ship *Golonda*, and $17,627 for other purposes. During the last three years the treasury has been enriched with about $70,000 from the estate of one who had long been a generous friend—the late ERAS PARKMAN, Esq., of Bridgeport, Conn., and within the last few weeks $6,000 have been received from the estate of Hon. EDWARD COLES, of Pennsylvania. Appreciating the high purposes for which this Society and Liberia were founded, and which they promise to fulfill, ROBERT ANDERSON, Esq., of Leeds, England, has lately transmitted his contribution of $6,000, to be used in sending persons to Liberia. During the last three years the Society's outlays have exceeded the receipts by $22,000. The stock in treasury is thereby almost exhausted, and if its income be not speedily and largely augmented, the work must be considerably reduced.

The several trips of the ship *Golonda* are noticed at length in the report. The total emigration during the year was 423, or 120 less than in 1867; and the total emigration under the auspices of the Colonization Society and at its expense is 13,916 persons.

Reference is made to the large number of applications being received from colored people anxious to emigrate to Liberia. Peace and agricultural and commercial developments continue to prevail in Liberia.

THE TELEGRAPH AND THE POST OFFICE.

The House committee on Post Offices and Post Roads this morning continued the hearing of the parties interested in uniting the Post Office Department with the Telegraph, under the bill advocated by Mr. BUTLER, of Boston. GARDNER SPRING, Esq., of that city, spoke over an hour yesterday morning before the Committee in favor of the bill, and concluded his argument this morning.

MR. EVARTS' RECEPTION.

The first reception of the Attorney-General and Mrs. EVARTS, which took place to-night, will rank with the most brilliant of the season. Congress, the Army, the Navy, the Bench and the Bar were all represented by their most distinguished ornaments. The President and Vice-President-elect, Gen. GRANT and Speaker COLFAX, were of the company. The Attorney-General and his accomplished lady received their guests with the most unaffected cordiality.

THE DENVER MINT.

The Secretary of the Treasury has communicated to the House, with his approval, the bill proposed by the Director of the Mint to convert the Branch Mint of Denver into an Assay Office, and the bill to establish an Assay Office at Helena, Montana. The Secretary says the total amount of bullion deposited in the Branch Mint at Denver during 1866 was $160,[illegible]; in 1867, $12,000; in 1868, $207,000; and the largest ever deposited was $641,[illegible] in 1864. He concludes that after been established at Denver, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Director of the Mint, and give all the facilities the people of Colorado require. The Mint is very desirous of having the coining and silver bullion at the United States Mint.

NATIONAL BANK RETURNS.

An abstract of the quarterly reports of the National Banking Associations of the City of New-York shows their resources to be [illegible]

Loans and discounts	$134,[illegible]
Specie	2,[illegible]
Legal-tender notes	7,[illegible]
Total items per cent	2,[illegible]

An abstract of the quarterly reports of the National Banking Associations of Philadelphia shows their resources to be [illegible]

Total resources	$62,[illegible]
Of which there is in specie	420,[illegible]
Legal-tender notes	4,[illegible]
And in three per cent certificates	2,[illegible]

THE SUPREME COURT.

The United States Supreme Court was occupied to-day with the case of the Chicago and Quincy Railroad Company, appellants, vs. Isabel Ruggles. This case involves the question of the liability of all the railroad companies to PATRICK BRANNAN for the use of his patent manhole. Judge CURTIS and CONNAR appeared as counsel for the patentee and GEORGE HARDING for the patentee. When the Court adjourned to-morrow, it will be until Monday next.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE.—WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The President laid before the Senate a remonstrance against the proposed amendment of the Bankrupt law. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolutions of a Convention in Texas in relation to the Indians, were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS.

Mr. CONKLING presented a memorial of importers and dealers in wines in New-York, praying for a revaluation of the tax on sales of liquors, and for legislation making all taxes on such sales uniform. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Also, a memorial of merchants and dealers in distilled spirits in the City of New-York, for legislation modifying the existing Internal Revenue laws, which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. FRESSENDEN presented several petitions for woman suffrage.

Mr. WILMOT presented a like memorial, which, with the others, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MORGAN presented the remonstrance of Messrs. FERRIERS & CO., manufacturers of telegraph material, against the passage of the bill now pending to allow the importation of such material duty-free. Referred to Committee on Commerce. Also, a memorial from a number of merchants, praying that the duty on imported steel. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. HOWE presented the remonstrance of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee against the further extension of a certain portion of the Bankrupt law. Referred to the Judiciary Committee. Also, a petition for the appointment of a commission to locate a canal above the Falls of Niagara. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. PATTERSON, of Tennessee, at his own request was relieved from further duty on the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. HARLAN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported back the bill relating to judicial proceedings in the District.

Mr. VIDKERS, from the same Committee, reported a bill to open the Tiber, north of Pennsylvania avenue.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. THAYER introduced a bill granting land in aid of the construction of a railroad from Sioux City, Iowa, to Columbus, Nebraska. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Also, a bill to regulate the salaries of the Tiber, north of Pennsylvania avenue.

Mr. ROSECRANS introduced a bill to extend the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims to claims of loyal citizens against the United States for the appropriation or destruction of their property by the army engaged in the suppression of the rebellion. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to provide for the reduction of the military forces of the United States and for other purposes, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

It provides for the mustering out of some officers of minor grade, for the enrollment or soldiers for five years, and for the retirement of officers by reduction of the number of generals, colonels and other unnecessary work on the Sabbath, and for other purposes. The bill of the provision as to time of trial, which now applies to officers.

Mr. WILSON also introduced a bill, which had the same reference, to reorganize the General officers of the army.

It retains the General at the same pay, provides one Lieutenant-General at reduced pay, abolishes the grade of Brigadier, except where held by Officers of the Regular Army, and provides that in time of the General of the army, and provides that in time of war brigades shall be commanded by Colonels selected for merit.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BILL.

Mr. ROSCOE CONKLING moved to take up the bill relating to the construction of the Pacific Railroad.

Mr. ROSCOE CONKLING moved an amendment, to take up his joint resolution in regard to the public debt.

Mr. FESSENDEN raised the point of order that the amendment was not germane to his motion.

After some discussion on this point, it was decided germane.

Mr. EDMUNDS then stepped and that he thought his resolution as important, at least of as much public interest, and as worthy of the immediate attention of the Senate, as the bill relating to the central branch of the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Senate then refused to take up Mr. EDMUND'S resolution by a vote of 22 nays to 23 yeas.

THE AIR-LINE RAILROAD.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to proceed to the consideration of the bill to promote commerce between the States (the Air-Line Railroad) bill.

Mr. EDMUNDS hoped the motion might be voted down, so that he might have an opportunity to move in order the consideration of his resolution.

Mr. FESSENDEN spoke briefly in favor of taking up the resolution in regard to the public debt in preference to any other measure at this time. He was in favor of the bill, as he had stated on the very first occasion he reported the other day by the Committee on Finance, and he would be ready at the proper time to vote with the Chairman of that Committee (Mr. SHERMAN) to take up that bill, but he could not vote with him to take up the railroad bill, which, whether good or bad measure, could not probably be disposed of in the time at his disposal.

Mr. SHERMAN regretted that any other bill or resolution should be put in antagonism to this railroad bill, because it was a very important one, and every provision of it had already, in other forms, received the assent of Congress.

Mr. DOOLITTLE thought that since the settlement of the question growing out of the war, no measure involving graver questions, in regard to the respective rights and powers of the General Government, and of the States over the territory and internal commerce of the States, had been presented. It was really, in his judgment, a proposition to wind up all the existing laws and to consolidate in the General Government absolute and despotic power. The merits of a bill involving such weighty questions could not be considered and determined without long discussion, and, therefore, he was not prepared to vote to take it up at this time, much less to vote for it when it should come up.

Mr. FESSENDEN was in favor of taking it up, and the resolution of Mr. SHERMAN. The Air-Line bill was then taken up by a vote of 20 yeas to [illegible] nays.

Mr. WILSON made a long argument against the bill, which he contended was proposing to create one of the most dangerous monopolies of one Federal power, even in these days of rapid consolidation. He directed attention to the extraordinary framework of the bill, giving the proposed corporation power to construct, equip and operate railroads and telegraphs, and to borrow the consent of those States, and other extraordinary powers, which the General Government had no constitutional right to give or to exercise, because they would be in direct violation of the rights of the States over their territory. In support of this view he read from the Mississippi, Indiana, and other decisions of the Supreme Court. Passing to the question of the policy of exercising this power, supposing it to exist in the General Government, he said that it would be most novel, because it would convert Congress into a great corporation-making machine, and would thereby transfer to the seaboard of the Capital, the logrolling of thirty-four States. He was no apologist for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, or any other corporation. He was in favor of holding them all strictly to their charters. The exclusive act on the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, one of the grievances complained of, was in his judgment, whether constitutional or not, wholly unjust and ungodly, and would probably be repealed by the legislature of Maryland at the next session. He hoped, in reply to the complaint that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad does not check passage from Washington through Baltimore to the North, he read a letter from Mr. GARRETT, the President of the road, stating that it was the desire of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company, and that of the Baltimore and Ohio Company, to do Washington's citizens all the good they could, and that they had instructed their agent at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and Club Railroad and other agents to sell the dividend of any pay check, the necessity, or a trivial road from Washington to Baltimore, he said, which he had many times said, was and Pennsylvania road, that was the agreement that was made between the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania Central Railroad, proposed in Mr. FESSENDEN'S bill. He read a letter from the President of the Baltimore and Potomac road, arguing that no additional road between Washington and Baltimore would be necessary to meet the wants of the public. Mr. FESSENDEN moved to go into Executive Session.

Messrs. SUMNER and SHERMAN opposed the motion.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was carried; so the Senate at 5 o'clock went into Executive Session, and at 5:20 o'clock adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. VAN WYCK presented a petition of citizens of Schoharie County, New-York, asking that the Report now be so amended that all pensions shall be allowed from the date the claim accrues, if application be made within seven years.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. JOHN BAILCOMBE a bill to enable the City of Chicago to enlarge its harbor. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. CULLOM introduced a bill for the relief of persons driven off to swamp land indemnity. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, the Secretary of the Treasury was directed to submit estimates of the amount of money required for the Marine Hospital at Chicago.

Mr. SCHENCK introduced a bill to promote the public credit, and relating to contracts for the payment of coin. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The bill reads as follows:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted*, That in order to remove any doubt as to the power of Congress to discharge all the obligations in the lawful money of the United States, it is hereby declared, that the faith of the United States is pledged to make the payment in coin of the interest upon all bonds and notes of the United States, where the same shall be expressed to be payable in coin, and that the faith of the United States is pledged to make the payment of the principal of all such bonds and notes, where the same shall be expressed to be payable in coin, at the time when the same shall become payable according to the terms of the contract, and that the faith of the United States is pledged to make the payment of all other bonds and notes of the United States, at the time when the same shall become payable according to the terms of the contract, in lawful money of the United States, which shall be sufficient to discharge all such obligations, unless the same shall be already one, shall mature or be paid before maturity, the obligations not bearing interest shall be limited to the amount of the principal thereof, and in addition to the bondholder will receive his coin at the option of the holder.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any contract heretofore made, or hereafter made, for the payment of any obligation of the United States in coin, and the consideration of which may be a loan or sale of property, or the rendering of a labor or service of any kind, or the payment of any debt, or any other thing, shall have been adjusted on the basis of the coin value thereof at the time of the sale, or of the rendering of such service or labor, shall be legal and valid, and may be enforced according to its terms, and on the trial of a suit brought on any such contract it shall be sufficient proof of the same that the same may be given.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, Chairman of the Post Office Committee, reported a bill to restrict and regulate the franking privilege, as follows:

SECTION 1. That it shall not be lawful for any officer or authority of any kind to frank any mail matter, and authority for any franking privilege is hereby repealed, and all laws relating to franking shall be repealed, and all laws relating to other mail matter shall be treated the same as if such franking privilege had never existed; and such privilege shall be exercised only by the persons and in the cases and to the extent specified in the laws in which the same may be hereafter established by law.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the 4th day of April next no officer of the Government of the United States or any member of Congress or any person entitled to such office, member of Congress or other person shall have any franking privilege or otherwise declared by law, free matter will be charged postage as in other cases.

Mr. WASHBURNE asked Mr. FARNSWORTH if he had a substitute repealing all laws and parts of laws concerning the franking privilege in any person whatever.

Mr. FARNSWORTH declined to allow the substitute to be offered, because he was satisfied it could not pass.

After considerable discussion, Mr. MILLER moved to add to the second section the words, "Except correspondence with the Commissioner of Pensions in relation to pensions." Rejected.

Mr. LAFLIN was opposed to the use of the franking privilege in any manner. He was in favor of the present bill but so far as it tended in this direction; but was opposed to the second section, because it granted to members of Congress a privilege it denied to the people. He argued in favor of the abolition of the franking privilege because it would reduce the vast expenditures in the delivery of public printing, saving at least a cost from $1,[illegible] 000,000 to $2,000,000 annually. He should vote for the bill only as a step in the right direction.

Mr. FERRY moved to strike out the second section.

Agreed to—yeas 128, nays 56.

The bill containing the one section was then passed without division.

The following is the vote on striking out the second section:

YEAS—Messrs. Allison, Ames, Archer, Arnell, Ashley of Nevada, Ashley of Ohio, Axtell, Bailey, Baker, Barnum, Barrere, Beck, Benjamin, Blaine, Blair, Boles, Boutwell, Bowen, Boyd, Brooks, Buckland, Buckley, Burr, Butler of Massachusetts, Butler of Tennessee, Cake, Chanler, Cobb, Cullom, Cake, Cox, Cornell, Culloon, Dawes, Delano, Dockery, Dodge, Eliot of Massachusetts, Ellison of Arkansas, Farnsworth, Ferry, Fields, Finney, Garfield, Getz, Gleebrenner, Golladay, Gove, Grinnell, Grover, Hamilton, Higby, Holman, Hooper, Hopkins, Humphrey, Hunter, Ingersoll, Jenckes, Jones of North Carolina, Jones of Pennsylvania, Kelley, Kelsey, Kerr, Kerr, Kitchen, Knott, Koontz, Lawson, Logan, Loughridge, Lynch, Malley, Marshall, Maynard, McCarthy, McCrary, McCullough, McKee, McKinney, Mallory, Morgan, Myers, Newham, Niblack, Norris, O'Neill, Orth, Paine, Parker, Peters, Pike, Price, Prince, Randall, Raum, Robinson, Rogers, Rose, Sawyer, Schenck, Shanklin, Sherwood, Smith, Stevens, Stevenson, Taylor, Thomas, Tolbert, Van Aernam, Van Auken, Van Horn of New-York, Van Horn of Missouri, Washburn of Indiana, Walker, Whittemore, Wilson of Iowa, Wilson of Ohio, Wilson of Pennsylvania, Windom, Woodward, Wood, Young—[illegible].

NAYS—Messrs. Arnell, Bain, Baldwin, Barnes, Bennett, Benton, Brooks, Burnell, Clarke of Ohio, Cook, Dawson, Delano, Ela, Farnsworth, Harding, Haughey, Heaton, Hotchkiss, Johnson, Judd, Ladin, Lash, McKee, Mill, Moorhead, Morrissey, Morrill, Newcomb, Pomeroy, Pennsylvania, Lawrence of Ohio, Marvin, Morrill, Newcomb, Pomeroy, Pelton, Phelps, Pierce, Pile, Plants, Poland, Polsley, Washburn, Stewart, Asher, Earley, Sitt, Trimble of Tennessee, Trowbridge, Upson, Van Trump, Van Wyck, Ward, Washburne of Illinois, Washburn of Massachusetts, Williams of Pennsylvania—[illegible].

PAYMENT OF CONTRACTS.

Mr. JULIAN offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Banking and Currency to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that existing contracts, and those that may hereafter be made, be valued and paid in gold in the basis of the relative value of gold and United States notes.

POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, from the Reconstruction Committee, reported a bill for the removal of disabilities from a large number of persons in the Southern States.

Mr. MULLINS remarked that a number of the persons proposed to be relieved were from Shenandoah County, Va., and inquired whether MOSBY was included.

Mr. FARNSWORTH said he was not, but if the gentleman from Tennessee would introduce a bill for him he would receive due consideration.

Mr. MULLINS—Well, I will. Gabriel will sound his resurrection gun before I will do it. [Laughter.]

Mr. WARD opposed the bill because no reason was assigned why the persons named in it should be relieved any more than other persons in the South. The bill was passed by the requisite two-third vote.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The business of the morning hour then at 8:15 commenced, being the call of Committees for reports.

A large number of bills for pensions were reported from the Committee on Revolutionary and Invalid Pensions, and were variously disposed of.

THE PUBLIC CREDIT.

Mr. SCHENCK gave notice, in reference to the bill introduced by him to-day, to strengthen the public credit and in relation to gold contracts, that in a week or two hence, when the business of the House would admit, he expected to be authorized by the Committee of Ways and Means to report it back and to submit some remarks in support of it. All opportunity would be offered for discussion, and he would then try to get the action of the House upon it.

TAKING THE CENSUS.

Mr. GARFIELD offered a resolution for a select committee of seven to inquire and report as to what legislation is necessary to provide for taking the ninth census. Adopted.

THE DENVER PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The House, at 3:15 o'clock, resumed the consideration of the Senate bill granting land and rights of way to the Denver Pacific Railway and Telegraph Company.

Mr. LOGAN offered a substitute for the bill, proposing to authorize the Company to connect its road with the Union Pacific Railroad at or near Cheyenne, and to issue corporate bonds to the extent of [illegible] dollars per mile, to be guaranteed by the United States.

Mr. COVODE addressed the House in advocacy and explanation of the bill. He showed the importance of connecting the Pacific railroads with this bill proposed of that. It would enable the people to carry their civilization and commerce into the heart of Mexico and bring back chains dropped with ore from Mexican mines. It would be the highway between the 40,000,000 people in Asia and the 300,000,000 of people in Europe, and it would be the most efficient remedy of surveying Indian hostilities. He did not believe that specie payment could be resumed inside of five years without bringing a crisis on the country. The best thing that could be done to bring about such resumption, better encouraging South American commerce and furnishing the necessary, was to extend the Pacific Railroads rapidly into the mining regions so that the production of gold could be increased.

Mr. KELLEY followed in defense and advocacy of the bill. He, however, moved a personal explanation with his colleague (Mr. BARRETT) in reference to a speech in the Philadelphia Ledger, in which it was said by Mr. BARRETT that the bill of certain parties in Philadelphia, this bill, was a mere speculation, not a country. He, anything, he said, and that the Government could not, and that the Government had the railroad in the transportation of its troops and supplies, and that the Government had millions of money by the transportation of its troops and supplies, and that the bill had been passed at the 3d session of a Congress, would have been a benefit to the Government in the economical movement of its army and supplies. He quoted Gen. SHERMAN'S statement to show that the building of the road would save an end to Indian hostilities, and finally, as it has been said, as a measure of humanity, as a measure of economy, and as a measure for the development of the industry of the country, he believed that the gentleman from Illinois would show his devotion to the interests of the country more by advocating that by opposing it.

Mr. VAN TRUMP followed in a speech in opposition to the bill. He declared himself in favor of giving any other subsidies to most private enterprises, for the reason that outside of the question of constitutional power, they were intended to issue more to private than to public good. He had not only given a denial of the constitutional power of Congress to grant subsidies, but his conscience was clear on the wrong and impolicy of the grants, in the present and distressed condition of the country, were clear and unmistakable. Without concluding his remarks he yielded to a motion to adjourn, and the House thereupon, at 4:30, adjourned.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE JAVA AND HAMMONIA.

The Cunard steamship *Java*, which left Liverpool Jan. 6, and Queenstown, Jan. 10, reached this port yesterday, with those days' later news than was at hand by the City of Antwerp. The steamship *Hammonia*, from Hamburg Jan. 8, and Havre Jan. 9, also arrived yesterday.

Details serve practically relative to the end and of Viscount DE JARNY, Roumanian Minister at Berlin, which occurred recently under tragic circumstances. He passed the evening before his death at the house of M. HERMANN, where every one noticed his preoccupied demeanor. He was seen entering his servant's room, covering his face with a handkerchief, and hanging by the neck from the casement of the window.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* of the Valley Gazette has been issued in Rome for the diplomatic corps, and that Cardinal Antonelli has ordered all the Papal Governors to assemble with sixty rounds of ammunition for each. The foreign corps are to be provided with those rifles at once before the native troops. The distribution is to commence with the Zouaves Zouaves, who will be in possession of the new arms within three weeks.

A French lady, Mlle. MARIE DE GERVAIS, has recently published a book concerning the history of women and the Assassinate of Marie Grace, has been rewarded by a letter from the Pope highly approving of the work, wishing the author the utmost success in the mission she has undertaken, and bestowing upon her his paternal blessing as a sign of that success. In his letter, Pius IX. speaks the fact that in October last he felt compelled to say a few words on the same subject to the people of Rome. The substance of his present remarks is that woman who spend too much thought upon dress have more left for religion or family duties. In concluding he says that if wives wish to gain the esteem and affection of their husbands they do not need costly and splendid toilettes, but have only to cultivate their hearts and minds.

The Swedish Peer *Dagens Nyheter* reports that the Prince of Wales, during his stay in Stockholm, on the 20th December was admitted into Freemasonry, and passed through six degrees. His Royal Highness, on the following day, had some additional degrees conferred upon him, and was created a Knight of the Masonic Order of Charles XIII.

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

The Season—Religious Topics—The Question of Pauperism—Tenant Right—The Overend, Gurney & Co. Failure—Metropolitan Amusements—State of Society.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1869.

The days have begun to lengthen, but the cold has not begun to straighten. It is warm and bright, when the sun shines. London is enveloped much of the time in a thick, black fog. Even when the skies are starlit the mornings are a sort of aerial pea-soup, through which you get by the sense of feeling. Through this mixture Hansom cabs dash and rattle, and great vans rumble and roar. One person a day is killed in London by being run over in the streets. The wounded to the killed may be in the proportion of other battles.

To pay for last Summer's drought, England is drowned this Winter. The upper Thames valley is overflowed so that on the railway you pass for twenty or thirty miles as through a lake—the water at times coming close to the rails. Even the canal boats are stopped, for the towpaths are under water. The boats are commonly towed by donkeys. You see one as big as a Newfoundland dog tugging on the towpath as a boat load of coal, and to increase the sense of disproportion, a man driving the donkey who could easily carry him. A Dutchman would harness his wife to with the donkey, while he steered the boat and smoked his pipe, which would be a more economical proceeding. No frost, no snow, but muggy and wet; plenty of grass for the cattle, but a large part of it under water, or in a muck or mud. The cellars in the lower parts of London are full of water, and at Kew Bridge last night, I found the water over the rails at the station.

THE SITUATION.

England is pretty quiet. The Christmas murders have been a larger crop than usual, and a man who came from Norwich to keep Christmas and commit suicide, because he killed his first wife thirteen years ago, decided, after several efforts, to give himself up to the Police and be dealt with according to law. As the man's wife disappeared at the time specified, and pieces of a woman were found at the same period, his story is probably true; but if he changes his mind and refuses to plead guilty at the trial, it is not likely that he can be convicted.

No interest is felt here beyond the circle of bondholders and speculators, in the affairs of either Spain or Greece or Turkey. English policy requires that Turkey shall be sustained as a barrier against Russia, and France is with England for reasons of her own. But there is very little sentiment about it. England is disgusted with any country that does not keep its credit good and pay its dividends. In this respect the Turks have done better than Spaniards, Greeks or Italians. The Spanish revolution is not completed—there are serious disturbances in Italy—the Greeks are busy and impecunious. England may have more paupers and thieves, more suffering and starvation that those three countries put together; still she looks down upon them from the height her of settled Government, prosperous finances and three per cent. consols with supreme satisfaction.

RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

I am inclined to think that the real sensation of the week has been the news that the Marquis of Bute has turned Papist. This young man, just come of age, with three hundred thousand pounds a year and a peerage, has gone over to Rome. The Times has a leader a column long to prove that it is a matter of no consequence. The Marquis of Bute is no more than any other young man, and his three hundred thousand a year of no more account than any other similar income. It is only one vote in the Lords. That is so; but for all that the man is serious and sincere. It and every young man, every young man is asking, "What made him do it?" and it is evident that the Times would much rather he had followed the example of the Marquis of Ripon. What a thoughtful young nobleman, of intuitious family, wide connections, and almost boundless wealth, goes over at the period of maturity and distributing enlargement, it is a very serious matter indeed. It will influence many who are now wavering and uncertain.

Forty years ago there was the Catholic party in England who had been a contingent of the Stuart Court—the Tory and Rev. Gregory Grumble—who were not forty such priests in all, nor a dozen of Worcestershire, and about two hundred in the country. Lay converts are probably in proportion. The Roman Catholics had risen in the aristocratic and middle ranks of society. The [illegible] were outstripping the Roman Catholics in intellectual culture and learning during [illegible] years. There have been several demonstrations, which have been for years demonstrating themselves to Rome, but the Gorham decision, which cut off a clergyman of the Church, and the Denison decision, which [illegible] the Church, and the Denison decision, which [illegible] over Ecclesiastic Court. What this is likely to happen when the Queen in Council decides that an act of Parliament passed three centuries ago, which the Church not only to disobey, but which to the minds of numerous, and that this act is to be interpreted, not by Bishops and Ecclesiastic Courts but by three or four distinguished legal lawyers?

Whether more or less are driven over to Rome, one thing seems certain. Geography seems settled that the disestablishment of the Church is at hand, and many of them are really in our old dissenting sense, with Dr. FUNEY, "Believing I rejoice, to see the Church perished." The last match of this sort he is to divide the social establishment into five or five different and warring sects. It is only the Wesleyans who now keep them nominally together. In Ireland they are now far as the police sounder. The Irish policy is to have the utmost uniformity in ceremony, and ritualism the utmost variety in belief. You may interpret creeds as interest or your chance, but you must be Papist or Protestant, but you shall not have a choice of Church. Ritualism is not allowed, and Dissenters are allowed to pay their money, or pass under the yoke of indifferent and disestablishment.

Dr. Pusey, the Ritualistic chief, who was silenced by the late decisions. They are for the most part celibate. It does not seem decorous. In contrasting their elements they can hardly fight their enemies. They are low, very low, without breeding. They can put water in the wine in the vestry. They need not be in some respects or things, but have as much as they like in communicants

GEN. BUTLER'S SPEECH.

The Historical Progress of Paper Money, Bills of Exchange, Checks, Bank Notes, Legal Tenders—Reduction of the Public Debt—Finance is Not Currency.

THE BUCCANEER, Thursday, Jan. 14, 1869.

I don't want to be put in the lunatic asylum for differing with all the world; but, in spite of that danger, I want to say that BUTLER's speech, in its general principle, is very near my views. Every one who has read the history of money in the world, knows that in the last three hundred years money has been gradually passing from nothing but hard money to a mixed currency, of which much the largest part is paper. Why is this? Has commerce been injured by it?—has industry been arrested? Is trade more immoral than it was in the Middle Ages? Gen. BUTLER is completely triumphant in his historical proof that England and other countries have never flourished more than they did under paper money. In the Middle Ages nothing but hard money was known. The Jews, who were then much persecuted, carried much of their property in diamonds and jewels. It is they, I suppose, who invented the bill of exchange, the first step in paper money. Then came the Bank of Venice, whose money was all in coin, whose main business was transacted in checks, which were almost entirely cancelled by each other, having but little coin to be handled. Then came the issue of bank notes, which, for the last hundred years, have made most of the money of commerce. Then came occasional issues of Government paper, such as the exchequer bills, Treasury notes, and now legal tenders.

Now, I state these facts for the purpose of showing those who are in such a hurry and with such vehemence in denouncing the legal-tender Government money, that they are merely endeavoring, by their *vis inertia*, to arrest a revolution in money which has been three hundred years in progress—which is continually advancing, and which is sure to end in the overthrow of the hard money system. If a man were to reason against Mohammedanism in Constantinople, there would be an outcry of all the Dervishes and Muftis against him, but that would not sustain such an imposition long against the attacks of truth and reason. Mohammedanism is decaying and so is the barbarism of hard money. If we were to resume specie payments to-morrow and be able to maintain it, five-sixths of the business of the country would still be done in paper, and beyond that again would lie the immense mass of checks, bonds, notes, &c. It is probable that not one hundredth part of the exchanges of the country are at any time made in coin. For what purpose then do you want to pretend to make gold payments? For it is a mere pretense. The only reason given that has a grain of sense is, that we may pay balances with foreign countries. But why should you pay those in money at all? There is no way of paying for importations but by its equivalent in merchandise. Gold is one of the productions of our country, and as much an article of merchandise as wheat or wool. If you make it into coin and subject to draft on the banks by the presentation of paper money, you make the whole commerce of the country subject to sudden convulsions, of which every merchant in trade has had painful experience. There is no need of that at all. You want ten millions in gold to send abroad. Buy it as merchandise, and send it out as you do now, instead of draining it from banks? Of the two modes the present, that of treating gold as merchandise, is far the safest and the most convenient. Take the example of England. She suspended specie payments twenty-three years. Was there any suffering on account of foreign trade? Was there any difficulty in making payments? Was the trade of England deranged or thrown back in the least? On the contrary, it was in the period of exclusive paper money that English trade flourished most and the foundations were solidly laid on which has been erected the most splendid edifice of commercial prosperity on earth. Yet, such were the barbarous ideas still entertained on the Continent of Europe, that England thought it best to resume gold payments, and probably it was right. The revolution in money was not complete, and it is not now. Hence, it may be best for us to resume at some time, in deference to the ideas of the Dervishes and Muftis of trade. But, let that legislator beware who attempts to hurry specie payments. He will get a great deal more than he bargains for. Not five hundred of the people have asked for specie payments, and ten to one of them prefer the greenback currency. Gen. BUTLER is right on several points. If you must resume, you can only do it successfully by raising the value of the public debt. The greenbacks are a part of the public debt. If you reduce the volume of the debt or the greenbacks, and show your ability to pay, and also contract the whole currency, you will gradually reduce the premium on gold and make specie payments possible. You can do it in no other way. If this be desirable, let the Treasury hold the greenbacks it receives, and thus contract the currency. You will soon find how much currency the country wants, and soon hear an outcry which will far exceed the clamor of the priests of gold.

One of the strangest things in this discussion on finances is that everybody (except BUTLER) expects the Government to use its means to buy the greenbacks, or bonds, or gold, to prepare for specie payments, when the Government has no such means. Where is its surplus? Where is the money it can use for such a purpose? We want thirty millions behindhand last year. I hope, according to the facts returned by Mr. WELLS, that we shall have a surplus, and a large one, this year. I think the state of the country and its resources will be even better this year than is represented by Mr. WELLS. If this be so, we shall have a surplus, and the moment we have a considerable surplus the public debt will appreciate, and specie payments will become possible. If, then, it be desirable (as most persons assume) to resume gold payments, it is, first of all, desirable to have a surplus in the Treasury, and use that either in paying the debt or contracting the currency. In one word, we have to work our way out of difficulties, and pay our debts by increased industry and production.

In regard to the payment of the public debt, in addition to the fact of earning a surplus and paying it, we should adopt the system of the English consols. Whenever money cheapens, issue new bonds at a lower rate of interest, and thus be constantly gaining on the interest. If the English 3 per cent. consols were now rise to par, the Government would issue 2½ per cents. In time, British consols will be reduced to 2 per cent.; and our eight in a short time be reduced to 4 per cent. If I addressed Mr. EWING's letter, this is his plan, and I am very glad to see he is opposed to any early resumption of specie payments. In fact, almost the whole nation is opposed to it. Let us try our own American currency a few years longer, and perhaps we shall think it the best.

It is not very surprising that gentlemen in Congress should feel some obligation to regulate the finances; but I think they mistake the time in which the regulation ought to be made. Finance and currency are not the same by any means. It is finance and not currency which we need to rectify. We want to economize our revenues; to reduce our expenses, and consolidate our Public Debt on the lowest interest. The currency will take care of itself. If the people want a gold currency, they will get it. If they do not, why force it upon them? For myself, I deny point blank, that the evils charged upon the Government currency exist at all. I deny that it demoralizes the country, any more than gold, or copper, or iron. I stand upon the currency which has saved the country in war, and given it prosperity in peace; which is the best currency the country ever had, or which has yet been devised by the genius of man.

A VETERAN CONGRESSMAN.

THE PACIFIC RAILWAYS.

Claims of the Proposed Northern and Southern Roads—How Government Should Aid Them.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Do we need two more railways to the Pacific? Some persons and speakers are contending that we do not. Will you permit me to mention a few of the many reasons why we do?

1. The original plan of Congress authorized and chartered three roads, a Northern, a Central, and a Southern. That plan, with the approval of our ablest statesmen now in all sections, and its wisdom grows more and more obvious. Three grand lines are necessary to attract from our present railway centres in the Mississippi Valley to the Pacific Ocean. They are as essential to the development of our mountain mines, our Territories, and particularly of the Pacific States, which alone so largely than all Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

The Central Road has been finished, completed, and extensively used for both parallel roads. Omaha, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California. Long ago, Congress granted the Northern Pacific Road, Lake Superior, Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, to Puget Sound, the best harbor on our entire Pacific coast.

The proposed Northern and Southern roads are each 400 miles from the Central, and each allows a great belt of country richer and more varied in resources than that traversed by the Central, and equally needing, and equally entitled to the Mississippi and the Pacific.

2. Our politics and our statesmanship have made the Southern Road will place a great and vitally important part of the political future of all Northern Mexico in our hands. It will assure permanently reconstruction more than any other public measure. It will develop the great resources of the South, and stimulate her manufactures, by opening a new and vitally important outlet, thus opening the diversified soil she is to share equally with the North in all the privileges and benefits of a restored Union.

Off our northern frontier bill is being solicited from the British Government to secure the extension of the Pacific Railroad from Red of Canada to the Pacific, and leading English journals are urging that it should be granted at once. *Great Britain* Government across the American Continent, and through our soil. Nothing else can so secure our political and commercial dominance, and so hasten the assimilating process through which British America will ultimately disappear into our nation like a ripe pear.

If the ten millions of dollars, currency, recently paid outright for Alaska had been expended in part of a Northern and a Southern Pacific railway at the rate of $2,000,000 a year, in aid of bonds for five years, its benefit to the country would have been a hundred times greater. As the Vice-President elect wisely urges, "Let our business no more territory; let us stimulate our industries and prosperity that our neighbors on every side will be anxious for the privilege of coming into the family.

3. Our internal trade requires them. No axiom is better established than that the dominance of a country grows in exact ratio with its railroads. In 1830 we had forty miles. Now we have 46,000 miles, or two-fifths of all the railway line in the world. At the moderate estimate of $40,000 per mile for building and equipping, these roads have cost $2,000,000,000, or four-fifths of the amount of our entire national debt. Since we began to build railways, in 1830, the population of our Union has increased 300 per cent., our wealth has been nine times greater than Great Britain. From 1860 to 1869 it was over 125 per cent. Can it be doubted that railways have proved transcendentally beneficial to the country, and that our wonderful development is due more to them than to any other one agency?

Our near future will require them still more. Few comprehend the immensity of our growth, and its corresponding necessities. Since the first National census in 1790 our population has increased at such striking uniformity that its future can be predicted with great certainty. This is the percentage of growth for each ten years:

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
In 1790 to 1800	35.01	In 1800 to 1810	36.45
1810 to 1820	36.45	1820 to 1830	33.35
1830 to 1840	33.35	1840 to 1850	34.19
1850 to 1860	36.19	1860 to 1870	35.46
1870 to 1880	35.46		

At the same rate of increase the population of the Union will be:

In 1870	42,323,639	In 1880	57,323,639
In 1890	77,323,639	In 1900	105,323,639

The Erie Canal, begun in 1817, after seven years of agitation and bitter opposition, was a greater work than the Pacific Railroad, the building of three Pacific Railways for this; and it seemed to be less required by the commerce of the country. Even Jefferson and Thomas Jefferson declared that it was transcendental fifty years too soon. But the great cause of the City and State of New-York dates from the commencement of that work. When it was completed in 1825, the commerce of New-York City and the Hudson, and across the Alleghanies, both grew, amounted to only 16,000 tons annually. Now the commerce of the Erie Canal and the four great lines of railway between our Northern Atlantic Seaboard and the Ohio Valley exceeds every year 6,000,000 of tons, worth $1,200,000,000. The opening of three great lines to the Pacific will produce a growth equally wonderful. If work is begun immediately upon a Northern and a Southern road, they cannot be completed before 1876, when our population will be 47,000,000.

5. A single line, 1,700 miles long, and the most important in the Union, is liable to become an oppressive monopoly and a dangerous power in the business and legislation of the country. The building of more roads will produce a healthy competition like that which now exists between the several lines crossing the Alleghanies, and thus keep down prices to the lowest paying point, and the diverse and conflicting interests will make each a check and balance upon all the others.

Should the Government help build them? I urge that it should.

1. Private capital alone can build them for the present. All our important lines have received public assistance from cities, counties, or States, which they were expected to benefit, and nothing is more fully settled by experience than that it is time out of the, where State or municipal aid is extended to secure the construction of railroads, the investment brings rich and multiplied returns. Texas Pacific railways will benefit the entire country, and the entire country should help build them.

2. With no endowing railways is yet an experiment, but all the leading European nations have demonstrated its wisdom and importance. For years Great Britain, France, Austria, Holland, Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Italy have been constructing not single roads but systems and networks of roads through Government aid, and in every single instance with the most obvious and substantial benefits. Great Britain has guaranteed the interest on $440,000,000 for railways in India alone, and probably on $80,000,000 in Canada, thus extending to two of her distant colonies four times as much help as the whole amount from the beginning, asked from our Government, to secure the completion of the three roads to the Pacific. Yet her expenditures for interest are now inconsiderable, and they increase year by year as the roads grow self-sustaining. By a similar policy little Belgium has secured a commercial importance utterly disproportionate to her territorial area. Last Winter, in the Schenectady or extension of six trunk lines Louis Napoleon has gained for France a growth and prosperity unequaled in her history.

Mr. WILSON, of Minnesota, in his recent speech in the House of Representatives, a document abounding in a carefully-prepared statistics—given (Globe supplement, page 5) figures:

GREAT BRITAIN.—Public debt to each inhabitant, $120 40; standing army five times as large as our; railways constructed in India since 1860, under Government guaranteed of interest, 4,000 miles.

PRUSSIA.—Public debt to each person, $27 67; standing army four times as large as ours; amount of railway bonds guaranteed by Government since 1860, $620,000,000.

UNITED STATES.—Public debt to each person, $67; [illegible] of increase in wealth since 1860, *fifty times greater than that of Great Britain.*

No two European countries have adopted exactly the same plan. In most of them the roads absolutely invest to the Government at the end of some fifty to ninety years after endowing them, and yet then be sufficient to extinguish the entire national debt. Yet all have adopted the main general policy, and *Government has not to a farthing expended money* in their construction. If that policy were beneficial to old countries, abounding in private capital, burdened with public debts so heavy as to cull, and blessing another and more large—another growing land, the United States, and its comparatively less rich in material resources, awaiting development, will it not be a great fault, more than a fault, and a grievous error, not to do the same?

Can it afford to do so now? The first impulse of the country, based upon a praiseworthy desire to reduce economy of the Administration, and cause to the finances, and to hasten our return to specie payments—is to say "No." A few persons and speakers denounce the companies taking aid—however large the private capital they propose to embark in the enterprise, and however anxious the owners and personal character of their leading men—as "robbers," "thieves," "scoundrels," and "rings" stealing their money, and with exclusive for accomplishing the purely local and individual projects. In just the same way Dr. WEST CLARKE's "scoundrels" in the Erie Canal, when he learned the cause and to the Erie Canal, there shut down, never, till he got it at last; but this derelict lasted for a period of only 10 years. Further, in the 19 years it required for the completion of

the distillery was all the time during those months; but longer days than five or six times which it was the evening he thought the distillery was stopped for week at a time; during April and May, he was so frequently at the distillery; he thinks he was at Bleidell's distillery on the day he left it 24 stamped on the distillery; on the day he left it Brandon had charge of the distillery was not running while he was in charge.

To Mr. Courtney—He never gave a key to the bonded warehouse to a Frenchman; he was at the distillery when whisky was run off into barrels; Bleidell paid him for his services as storekeeper; he never heard of Bleidell's having a key to the receiving room; he never saw a hole near the storage room; he never saw a hose put on the house to the cisterns; the receiver and carrier under the bond; not had how many times the distillery ran in August, or in September or in October or in November; he did not have any idea at the time what a Class A bonded warehouse was.

John Mason recalled. Testified that he was at McLaren's house in April, 1868, but did not say to Mrs. McLaren that he had the other version that he made, as stated; that no whisky was run off the property.

Hugh Carr testified that he was at Mrs. McLaren's house one Wednesday; he did not say that if McLaren did not pay him he would go to Court and swear against Mrs.

Patrick Campbell recalled; testified that he had not said to Mrs. Bleidell that unless Bleidell paid him he would go to Court and have him sent as far as any railroad could carry him.

Mrs. A. McLaren, wife of one of the defendants, was called, but her testimony was excluded because she was the wife of one of the defendants.

The Court here adjourned till 11 A. M. to-morrow.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

Before Commissioner Osgood.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE IN ALCOHOLIC CASE.

The United States vs. David Lichtenheim.—This case, in which the defendant, formerly an internal revenue inspector, is charged with loaning blackmail, to the extent of $1,000, on Cedar Street, a cigar manufacturer, on a promise to compromise a charge against the latter of selling used cigar-box stamps, was resumed, and additional evidence introduced for the defense to contradict some unimportant testimony for the prosecution. After which further adjournment was had to the 21st inst.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Chief Justice Barbour.

CONTRACTS IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC POLICY.

Hattie Leland vs. Sarah A. Taliaferro and Edward Van Ness.—In this case, hereinafter noticed in our law reports, the following opinion by Chief Justice BARBOUR will be interesting, as relating to cases where the equity of the Court is invoked by one of two parties, both of whom knowingly entered into a contract deemed *contra bonos mores*.

BARBOUR, J.—This is an action brought by the mortgagor in a chattel mortgage, against the mortgagee and her agent and attorney, to obtain a judgment declaring such mortgage void, and restraining the defendants, perpetually, from enforcing the same. The motion now before the Court is to resolve an injunction pending the action, which has been granted *ex parte*.

The affidavits and papers read at the hearing show that the defendant, Sarah A. Taliaferro, in June, 1868, sold to the plaintiff certain household furniture for the price of $4,200, upon the distinct understanding and agreement then made by and between the parties, that the plaintiff should use the same in the business of keeping and carrying on a house of prostitution in this City, and that the furniture should be paid for by her, within four or five years, out of the earnings of the business; that a few weeks after such sale, the plaintiff executed to the said defendant a mortgage upon such furniture, together with other furniture worth about $6,000, payable on demand, to secure the payment of the said purchase money, upon an oral promise and agreement therefore and then made to and with the plaintiff by the defendant Taliaferro, that the mortgagee should not be paid out of the said business, and that such mortgage should not be foreclosed until the expiration of at least four years.

The point made by the counsel for the defendant Van Ness, that the action will not lie against him, inasmuch as he is acting in his capacity merely as an attorney-at-law for and on behalf of the defendant Taliaferro, is not, I think, well taken. I am not aware that a lawyer is privileged to perpetuate a wrong, nor why he may not, in a proper action, be restrained from doing so, even though the act enjoined be of that class usually deemed strictly professional. That question does not arise in this case, however, inasmuch as the contemplated and threatened foreclosure, spoken of in the pleadings, does not appear to be a foreclosure through or by means of an action for that purpose, but merely, by the sale of the mortgaged property by or on the part of the mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power contained in the mortgage, which is an act that may be performed by the mortgagee herself or her agent or servant, and in which no professional assistance, beyond mere advice, is required from a lawyer.

But I am of opinion that the action cannot be maintained upon the facts presented here.

The contract by which the money was to be paid for out of the future profits of a house of prostitution, certainly covered the sale itself as well as the mortgage given to secure the payment of the purchase money; so that if the latter is void or voidable because of public policy, the former is equally so. It follows, therefore, that so far as regards the particular goods covered by the sale, the plaintiff has no such legal or equitable ownership or right of possession as entitles her to invoke the equitable interposition of the Court to restrain the original owner from repossessing herself of the property, or selling the same in such a manner as she may see fit. That question, however, is not before us, inasmuch as, in the view I take of the matter, the plaintiff is not entitled to succeed in any aspect which is presented by the case.

The general rule that legal agreements are laws to those who make them, has no application to contracts made in defiance of the laws of morality, or, to use the Latin phrase, *contra bonos mores*. Such agreements are void, for the reason that parties cannot legally contract to do iniquity nor found a valid contract upon a consideration which involves the future doing of an immoral act to the injury of the public interests. In such a case, where the plaintiff and defendant alike violate the criminal laws, or principles of public policy, declare that "*in pari delicto potior est conditio possidentis, non ordiri actio*; and that, too, whether it be an action upon contract or a suit in equity to rescind an enforcement, for the plaintiff has no right, in an action of that character, to claim the assistance of the Court. (Tenant vs. Johnson, Cowp. R. 343; Lewis vs. Davidson, 4 M. and S. 267; Simpson vs. Bloss, 7 Taunt. R. 246; Debree vs. Harper, 2 Scots R. 201; Cusack vs. White, 2 Ryb. Cow. 26; Robinson vs. Cox, 9 Modern, 163; Walker vs. Perkins, 3 Burrows, 1,568.)

There can be no doubt that a contract of purchase and sale of furniture whereby the buyer undertakes to pay the purchase price out of the earnings of a house of prostitution where such furniture is to be used is void, because it is a contract *contra bonos mores*—as much so, at least, as would be a contract to pay for future illicit cohabitation. The case of Gilardy vs. Richardson, (11 Mass. R. 54,) where it was held that rent could not be recovered for a house let for that purpose, is, in principle, precisely in point; and the decision there is commented upon and approved in Dyette vs. Pendleton, (1 Cowan 727. (See also Bimington vs. Wallis, 4 B. and Ad.; Oxley vs. Churchill, cited in 4 B. and P. 340; Walker vs. Perkins and Robinson vs. Cox, ubi supra; Howard vs. Hodges, 1 Selw., N. P., 10.) And it is equally clear that a mortgage given to secure the payment of the purchase money is also void. But the Court will not aid either of the parties to the transaction, by its process or proceedings, either to enforce the performance of such illegal contract, or to prevent its performance. In either case, the defendant must go scathless; for *in pari delicto, melior est conditio defendentis*.

The injunction must be dissolved, with $10 costs.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—JAN. 20.

Before Presiding Judge Clerke and Judges Sutherland and Geo. G. Barnard.

WHAT IS THE PROPER MODE OF INDIANA DIVORCE PROCEEDING.

Emma Hoffman, plaintiff and respondent, vs. Wm. Hoffman, defendant and appellant.—The plaintiff, Emma Hoffman, brought this action against her husband, Wm. Hoffman, to obtain a divorce, on the ground of adultery. The parties were married on the 15th of December, 1858. The adultery is alleged to have been committed on the 23d of February, 1858, with Hezekiah L. Monroe, at the Grimall House in this City. Afterward the defendant removed to Indiana, and on the 7th of April, 1857, commenced an action in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Indiana District for a divorce, on the ground of adultery and abandonment. Such proceedings were thereupon had, that in due course a jury found the plaintiff in this action guilty of the adultery charged, and the Court thereupon decreed an absolute divorce. On the 24th of September, 1858, Emma Hoffman filed a petition in the Circuit Court Howard County, Indiana, praying that the divorce obtained by the defendant against her might be set aside, the judgment for fraud. The said petition was tried, and the decree of divorce declared to be void for fraud. From the decision on appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of Indiana, and after full argument, the decree of the Circuit Court was reversed, thus leaving the decree in full force and effect.

After the decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana, and on the 15th of September, 1858, the defendant, William Hoffman, married one Ida Murphy, by whom he has two children. This action was commenced by the plaintiff herein on the 26th of November, 1864. The case was tried before Mr. Justice Sutch, a learned and able jury, who, on December, 1866, decided the action in favor of the plaintiff, and granted a decree of divorce in her favor. Judgment was duly entered on the decision, which was affirmed by the Supreme Court of this State at General Term.

Counsel for the appellant urges that the divorce obtained by William Hoffman, was regular in every particular, all the formalities of law, as required by the State of Indiana, having been complied with. Mr. Hoffman was a resident of that State at the time of the commencement of the summons against the wife and the order made. The Supreme Court of this State having reversed the decision made at Circuit in the suit in which the wife was plaintiff, and thus leaving the decree in force, the subsequent proceedings in this State were a nullity. One State was bound to respect the laws, etc., of every other State. On the other hand, the counsel for the respondent contended that the attempt on the part of the husband to obtain a decree in Indiana was a fraud on the Court, because Wm. Hoffman was at the time an actual resident of the State of New-York, and by means the Court in which the judgment was brought did not jurisdiction of the person of Emma Hoffman, the defendant. Again, the suit in question, whatever the Indiana Court was sought to be, aside the decree of divorce in the Indiana Court, in the Indiana Court, was not a recognition of the validity of that decree, nor can it be considered a consecration of the decree in the Indiana Court. The record of the judgment in the Indiana divorce suit shows that the wife was not served with a process, and that she did not reside in the State of Indiana. Both parties were at the time of suit in New-York State. The offence upon which that judgment was sustained, if any such there was, had been committed in New-York; they had lived together as husband and wife for a long period after the alleged act of adultery, and their case could, based during this case, come before the Court for its disposition.

The decision of the Court was reserved.

Mr. Ed. S. Chatfield for appellant; E. M. Wight for the respondent.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge McCunn.

THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY HIS HONOR JUDGE McCUNN IS interesting as showing the effect of a bank teller casting a ban on the responsibility of a note by writing the words "payment stopped" on its face.

Wm. McKinley vs. The American Exchange Bank.—McCUNN, J.—This is an action for damages for defendant's refusal to pay a certain note of $1,000 payable to the order of plaintiff, and which plaintiff had duly indorsed, and which note he had delivered to the defendant, upon the ground that payment had been stopped in pencil, at the request of the defendant's teller, on the day it became due.

It is admitted in the complaint that the writing complained of was made on the day of the maturity of the note, the evidence is that the day previous to its maturity payment had been stopped; but there is no evidence that that on that day, the day it was due, the character of the note was fixed, and subsequent purchasers must take it subject to all equities. The writing on the face did not in any wise change the condition of the parties to the instrument or diminish its value. It was the record of a fact which any purchaser had a right to know; and the contentment of which fact, if it had not been so recorded, would have been a fraud upon such purchaser.

The writing of the words "payment stopped" on a note payable at a bank simply announces the intention of the maker that his funds in that bank shall not be applied to the payment of the paper and does not absolutely discredit the note nor impeach the fact that he will not provide for it at some other place, especially when we take into consideration the fact that the defendant's teller were merely the agents of the maker, and as such agents could not be trusted to do less than they disclosed their principal. This is a well established rule of law. Again, the indorsement in pencil of the words complained of does not affect the liability of the maker to indorsee. Destroying or defacing a written contract does not affect the liability of the parties to it. Had the bank even destroyed the note, the remedy of the holder would not have been effected in the slightest degree, and even then the remedy must be against the maker, not against the bank, and to entitle them to recover they had only to prove its destruction and contents. This is the doctrine laid down in Edwards on Bills (pp. 631, 632,) and adhered to in Bayley on Bills. The instrument, part of the note was demanded and refused, it was dishonored; and every purchaser who took it after that time, took it subject, as I have said before, to all equities existing between the antecedent parties and maker. I cannot see that the indorsement in question is less valuable for the purposes of assignment than it is if the words were never written upon it. And as the value of the instrument, or its assignability, was not affected by the act of the defendant in marking on the note, the damage can only consist in giving notice to an intended purchaser that the maker had stopped the payment. Now, apart from all other considerations, good faith and common honesty would have required the plaintiff to disclose to any purchaser that payment had been stopped as soon as that fact was communicated to him; and it would be stretching the rule indeed to hold the defendant liable for giving a notice which common honesty required the plaintiff himself to give. There is another reason why this plaintiff cannot recover. The plaintiff's testimony is that he purchased the note in good faith before it was due. This perfected his right of action against the maker and indorsers, who were, upon his own showing, perfectly solvent at the time of suit, and who still continued so, leaving the plaintiff not having exhausted his remedy, in this respect, this action must fail. The whole theory in favor of a recovery in this case could seem more like a broad joke than a serious argument, when you reflect that the plaintiff could have removed the marks. They were simply pencil marks, that might have been rubbed out in the easiest possible manner. If the defendant had no right to place them there, the plaintiff clearly had a right to remove them.

Judgment must be ordered for the defendant.

By Chief Justice Barbour.

Dopman vs. Frazier.—Order granted.

In the matter of Davidson and Spalding.—Motion to reduce bail denied and prisoner remanded.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—JAN. 20.

Before Judge McCunn and a Jury.

THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS DAMAGES AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE OF CHARTER UNION EXPRESS COMPANY.

Sarah Heffernan, plaintiff, vs. Elmore P. Rose, President of the Merchants' Union Express Company, defendant.—On the 27th of February last, the plaintiff, who is about sixty years old, was attempting to cross Hudson street, between Leonard and Franklin, when she was knocked down and run over by a horse attached to one of the wagons belonging to defendants, driven by a man named Clark, and whereby her leg was broken in two places, and otherwise resulting in serious and permanent disability. She brought suit for damages against the Company to the amount of ten thousand dollars. The evidence on behalf of plaintiff showed that before crossing, she had looked on all sides to discover if any wagons were approaching, but seeing none she started, and as she had almost reached the street, she was suddenly knocked down and run over, inflicting the injuries referred to. That she was removed to Bellevue Hospital where she remained two months, and subsequently was removed to the house of her son-in-law, in Greene-street, here she had been confined to her bed, and is now by her family physician, during which time she had been, and is now, suffering to such an extent from the injuries as to be unable to attend to her former business of fruit selling, or even occasionally to move about the house unassisted. No attempt was made on behalf of the Company to show that the accident was the fault of the person injured by plaintiff, but they claimed that it was purely an accident unavoidable by defendants or their servant, neither of whom were guilty of carelessness or negligent, and that therefore they could not be held responsible. The testimony of the driver went to show that he was driving at an ordinary pace of not over two miles an hour; that as he turned from Leonard into Hudson-street, some railroad cars were moving on the opposite side toward the depot, which frightened his horse and made him restive; that he then saw plaintiff in the middle of the street and shouted to her, but that instead of avoiding him she first ran from the sun against the horse and was knocked down; that he succeeded in reigning up his horse at Franklin-street, and returned to the assistance of plaintiff. From a question put to this witness as to whether he could not have reined up his horse before approaching the plaintiff it might be inferred that the jury found difficulty in believing that a horse going only at a speed of two miles an hour could not be stopped within a block. Other witnesses, also in the vicinity of the accident, testified that they heard no warning given, as claimed by the defence.

On these facts the Judge charged that to recover the plaintiff must herself be free from carelessness, and, if so free, carelessness must be shown against the defendants or their servants. After an absence of half an hour the jury returned a verdict of $3,000 in favor of plaintiff.

Oliver and Wright for plaintiff; A. J. Vanderpool for defendants.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—BROOKLYN.

Before Judge Gilbert.

SUIT TO RECOVER THE PRICE OF LABOR.

John Brown vs. Clement Bird.—This is a suit on the part of plaintiff to recover payment due by defendant to him for plumber work done at five houses in Quincy-street. It appeared from the testimony that plaintiff made a contract with a builder named Cooper to do the work stated, said Hooper to give plaintiff an order for the pay on Mr. Bird, the owner of the buildings; that plaintiff applied to said Bird, who referred him to the defendant, who said to Brown "Go on and do the work, and when it is finished I will pay you." He did so, and Bird told him that he was but the agent of Bird to pay out money deposited with him by said owner. Bird, for the purpose of paying plaintiff's plumbing bill. The suit was to recover the sum of $1,647 34. The jury rendered a verdict for plaintiff for the full amount.

TRESPASS IN MOVING A HOUSE.

Thomas Hogg vs. Michael McGuade, Archer McQuade and Alonzo North.—Plaintiff brings this suit to recover damages done to his property and for trespass upon his premises by defendants. It appeared that the plaintiff's house was moved by defendants, in the month of August, 1867, the defendants leased the two tenemented dwellings on Franklin-street, near the first-path and next there in the direction of the house of defendant that it was moved; broke down and damaged over fences, plots, and supported unless certain shade-trees, resulting in great injury to the premises of the plaintiff, and that such damage was done without the consent and against the remonstrance of the plaintiff. The defence put in a general denial of the charges of injury and all the facts sworn to on the part of the plaintiff. The Court charged the jury that if defendant McGuade, authorized the other defendants to move his house, and in doing so they did the damage alleged, then McGuade was the one responsible for it, as, then. The jury rendered a verdict for plaintiff for $241; being $96 against McGuade, $80 against McQuade, and $65 against North.

E. E. S. Brown for plaintiff; Bowen and Meeker for defendants.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Wm. H. Guild vs. John H. Flagler, Harvey E. Flagler, Oliver Holden and Joshua P. Simpson.—Plaintiff in this case sues for the recovery of $3,126 67, being the amount of a note made by the first-named defendants on the 15th of April, 1867, in which the latter promised to pay to the order of the last-named defendants nine months after date, and that the last-named defendants, before the maturity thereof, indorsed the said note and transferred it to the plaintiff; that when it became due it was presented for payment, when dishonored, neglected to pay the same, and it was protested. The defendants John H. and Harvey E. Flagler, being residents of Boston, Oliver Holden and James P. Simpson of Brooklyn. The defence, on the part of Holden and Simpson, admitted that the indorsement was not the handwriting of the latter, but that the same was made by defendant John H. Flagler and Harvey E. Flagler. The latter defendant testified that he paper notice of protest was never served upon them, and they believed that the said note was delivered by Flagler and Brother to the plaintiff upon a mutual agreement at a rate more than seven per cent., the allowing thereof is contrary to law; that Holden and Simpson never received any money for said note, nor any benefit therefrom, including the named, about the 25th of April, 1867, agreed with Flagler to surrender the indorsements, and that by mistake Holden and Simpson forgot to erase their indorsements, but that the notes were discharged, and canceled, and had become void and of no effect.

The suit is to recover from Holden and Simpson the amount of $3,166 67, with interest from Jan. 21, 1869, and costs. Case still on.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Before Judge Curtis and a Jury.

WAS IT A LOAN OR A FEE?

Lipman et al. vs. Armstrong.—The plaintiffs sue to recover from the defendant, a well-known lawyer of this City, the sum of $500, which, the complaint alleges, was loaned to the defendant in August, 1866. The answer admits the receipt of the money, under the following circumstances and claims that it was given and received in payment of professional services. The circumstances were as follows, viz.: One Ellery, a brother of one of the plaintiffs, and employed as leading clerk by Lipman & Ellery, came on the day in question to the office of Mr. Armstrong, told him that his employers had derived great profit from his counsel in the past, and would want to avail themselves freely of it in the future, and, in that view, wanted Mr. Armstrong to accept of a check for $1,000. Mr. Armstrong demurred, on the ground that the compensation was excessive, but finally did accept $500. Nothing more was heard of the matter until the plaintiff called on Mr. Armstrong until subsequent to the dissolution, when the demand for repayment was made.

The defence showed that the services rendered ran through a year, and consisted mainly of consultations in intricate cases of law and practice in the business of buying and selling stocks, which required skill and study on the part of the defendant to solve, and that the $500 was not an exorbitant charge.

The Judge charged the jury that their verdict was to represent what was due to the plaintiffs, if anything, after allowing a fair compensation for his services to the defendant. He charged the jury, in instructing the jury not to estimate lawyers' services by time or by the standard of a mechanic's wages, but to take into consideration the study, time and anxiety of the lawyer's study and preparation. The jury found a verdict of $250 for the plaintiffs.

Brown and Meeker for plaintiffs; William Walter Phelps for defendant.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 20.

By Judge Ingraham.

Slosson vs. The Wurtz Amalgamation Company; motion denied.

In relation to the Arbor corpus of Peter Barlocker; petition granted.

In the matter of the Salisbury Mills Manufacturing Company; order settled.

By Judge Garvin.

Chapman vs. Chapman; report confirmed and judgment granted for divorce.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Sutherland.

The People of the State of New-York vs. The Dry Dock, East Broadway and Battery Railroad Company; judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 20.

By Judge Brady.

Davis vs. Anderson; motion denied.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Judge Bedford.

There was one trial, yesterday, and five pleas were received. One sentence was pronounced, two prisoners were discharged, and sentences deferred in three cases. Several trials were postponed.

A BAD GIRL.

Catherine Willis, a middle-aged woman, was brought before the Court charged with grand larceny. She had been discharged from custody about three weeks ago on similar information. She protested her innocence and with tears begged to be allowed to go. But she was well known and had succeeded once in deceiving the Court by promises of amendment, and was, therefore, sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year. The sentence first pronounced Only half of the fifty dollars fine, which was changed to the Penitentiary upon representations made by a medical man that she was in a pregnant condition.

A DESPERATE CHARACTER.

George Kempler, a boy of 13 years, pleaded guilty to an assault with a dangerous weapon. He was allowed to tell his story, and said he was assaulted by a large boy, and drew his pen-knife and inflicted a wound on his assailant. The Judge discharged the boy with a reprimand and advice to do better, which he promised he would.

ALLEGED ROBBERY AND ASSAULT.

Thomas Porter, a boy of 16, was arraigned accused of participating in a robbery on Thomas Wood. He was defended by John White, Esq., in the absence of a person who had, by alleging himself to be a lawyer, secured several dollars in money and presents of facts from the prisoner. The counsel asked that the trial be postponed under the circumstances, which request was not granted. The evidence of Mr. Henry Mulliner was to the effect that several persons had to show, that on the night of Jan. 8, he was assaulted and robbed of some toys, &c., by a party of boys in Twelfth-avenue. He had identified the prisoner on seeing him a second time as one of the assailants. The Judge charged the jury that the prisoner was entitled to the benefit of a doubt in the complainant's failure to identify him on first seeing him. The jury retired for half an hour, and returned with a verdict of guilty of an assault. Upon the motion of the prisoner's counsel the verdict was set aside, and a new trial ordered. Wm. Jones, assaulted with a knife, discharged, no evidence being brought to substantiate the charge.

FORFEITURE.

Kate O'Neil, arraigned for grand larceny, plead not guilty and was remanded for trial.

Stephen Hathworth, accused of larceny from the person pleading not guilty, was remanded for trial.

Alexander Campbell and Alexander Davison, arraigned on charges of grand larceny, will be brought up to-day.

In the case of Daniel Newman, the bail was discharged. The Court adjourned to 11 A. M. to-day.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

It is asserted in Paris that the President of the Provisional Government in Crete has escaped from Candia and is on his way to this country. On his arrival he will endeavor to raise money and purchase iron-clads to renew the struggle for Cretan independence.

Mr. BURLINGAME, of the Chinese Embassy, yesterday had an interview with the French Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Spanish Government has authorized Cuba to send eighteen representatives to the Constituent Cortes, and the Island of Porto Rico eleven.

The Duke of Saldanha, who was asked to form a new Cabinet for Portugal, has declined to do so, and the old Ministers continue in office.

CONGRESS.

After the transaction of some unimportant business, yesterday, the Senate took up the Air Line Railroad bill. Mr. WILTZ made a lengthy speech in opposition to it, at the conclusion of which the Senate went into Executive Session and soon after adjourned.

In the House, Mr. SCOFIELD introduced a bill defining the manner in which interest on United States bonds shall be paid. It provides that all interest shall be paid in coin or its equivalent, except where the obligation stipulates that it may be paid in lawful currency. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Mr. FARNSWORTH reported from the Post Office Committee a bill to regulate the franking privilege. It requires all persons of present entitled to this privilege to attach their autograph to all matter sent, and "prohibit, them from receiving mail matter free of charge. Mr. WASHBURNE asked to submit a substitute repealing entirely all laws granting the franking privilege to any person whatsoever. Mr. FARNSWORTH declined to accept the substitute, alleging, as a reason, that it could not possibly pass. After debate, the section prohibiting persons receiving mail matter free was stricken out, and the remainder of the bill was agreed to. A bill was passed relieving from their political disabilities a number of persons in the Southern States. A number of pension bills, reported from the committee, were disposed of. A resolution was adopted instructing a select committee to inquire what legislation is necessary to provide for the taking of the ninth census. Debate upon the bill to grant lands and the right of way to the Denver Pacific Railway was taken up, and Mr. COVODE spoke at length, explaining the bill and advocating its passage. Mr. VAN TRUMP opposed it, and at the conclusion of his remarks the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

In the State Legislature, yesterday, but little work was done. The formal announcement of the election of RUFUS K. FRENCH as United States Sub-Treasurer was made. The Assembly, in Committee of the Whole, passed Mr. MURPHY's bill, in relation to the erection of a soldiers' monument in the Central Park, to a third reading by unanimous consent. The bill authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the City to appropriate a sum not exceeding $30,000 for the work. It is said that the Committee will be announced by Speaker YOUNGLOVE to-day.

Gov. BROWNLOW of Tennessee, is about to organize and arm two thousand militia for the suppression of the Ku-Klux. This force will be organized by companies and sent to those counties in West and Middle Tennessee where Ku-Klux murders have been most common. Martial law will be proclaimed in those districts occupied by the militia.

Gen. BUCHANAN has written a letter denying certain statements made by Gov. WARMOUTH, of Louisiana, to the effect that he (Gen. BUCHANAN) was not in full sympathy with the loyal people of New-Orleans during the threatened riots at the November elections. The General states in his own defence, and says but for the course he pursued, Gov. WARMOUTH and other leading Republicans would have fallen victims to rebel wrath.

A farmer named GEORGE WOODMAN, living in a remote part of the town of Gilmanton, N. H., was most savagely murdered while at supper in his own house on Monday evening, by his nephew, named WILLIAM H. KEARSE, without, it is said, the slightest provocation and with no apparent motive. KEARSE stabbed WOODMAN, with a knife three times, and then he fell dead, stand on ex and injured [illegible] more terrible wounds upon the body. KEARSE [illegible] the house, [illegible] had absconded. She somehow managed to escape, and, with her baby, fastened to her husband's father's house, near by, and gave the alarm. KEARSE escaped without [illegible] and is now at large. He is about twenty-three years old.

It is reported that the sum asked by the new Spanish Government for the Island of Cuba is about twenty-five millions in gold. The rumor started by the President from Soldier Hall, at Madrid, it is said, states that overtures were made to him by the Spanish Government for the sale of the island to the United States.

The New-Hampshire Democratic Convention was held, yesterday, at Concord. JOHN SCOTTON, of Dover, was nominated for Governor, and Gen. M. T. DONOVAN for Railroad Commissioner. The resolutions adopted endorse adhesion to the Constitution, and support the proposition to tax the United States bonds.

A horse distemper is prevailing in the vicinity of Springfield, Mass., as well as in other parts of New-England.

The Newark (N. J.) *Courier* says the famous Pike meadow-ditching project has been abandoned, the contractor receiving $400,000 to relinquish the contract.

Most of the business portion of the town of Angelica, Allegany County, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. The dwelling-house of Mr. WAY was also burned, together with all its contents. The loss is estimated at $10,000.

A bill has been introduced in the Missouri Legislature against prize-fighting, prescribing a severe penalty to the principals, seconds, and spectators.

The trial of Mrs. TWYNEHAM, for the murder of her mother in Philadelphia, commenced yesterday. Five jurors were impanneled, and the Court adjourned.

The State Military Association met yesterday at Steinway Hall for the second day's session, and sat until 6 o'clock. The Treasurer's report showed that $667 50 was on hand. A committee on nominations reported a list of officers for the coming year, which was accepted. It was decided that the next session should sit at Albany. A number of resolutions were passed, among which was one postponing the presentation of guidons and medals until next year, except to the Seventy-fourth Regiment. In the evening an oration was delivered by Rev. Mr. GALLAGHER, of Brooklyn, and the guidon to the Seventy-fourth Regiment was presented.

The amount realized yesterday for the dramatic fund at the sale of seats for the opening night at Brougham's Theatre was about $2,000.

The New-York Board of Education held a meeting last evening. The Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward asked for an appropriation of $85,000 for the purchase of building lots in Fifth-street, between First and Second avenues, for the erection of a school office. The various standing Committees for the year were announced by the Chair, after which the Board adjourned.

Cotton was more active and firmer yesterday, but closed heavily. Breadstuffs and Provisions were rather more freely dealt in. State Flour, Spring Wheat, Corn, Pork, Lard and Hogs were dearer; Oats cheaper. Groceries in moderate demand. The Freight market was steady, with rather more doing.

Schemes of Plunder.

If our national legislators would but serve the country with half the zeal they expend upon railway subsidies and other plans for plundering the Government, the occasional prospect would be more satisfactory than it is. We might then hope for systematic and large retrenchment, for taxation readjusted and reduced, for a practical solution of the financial problem, and an early settlement of the difficulties which retard the completion of reconstruction. At present the chance of realizing these objects is slim indeed. They are talked about, but that is all. And the energy of members is devoted to measures concocted in the interest of favored classes, as tariff or copper tax bills, or to projects designed to appropriate what is left of the public domain, and to add to the burdens of the Government while squandering the resources on which it relies.

The donation of lands to railroad companies as a means of developing remote sections of the country, may have been justifiable in the beginning. Without some such system, perhaps, the iron network which covers some of the Western States had been impossible. But the system has been so flagrantly abused—land grants have been made so lavishly, and so entirely in the interest of lobbyists and speculators—that it has become simply intolerable. The best portions of the public lands have passed into the hands of corporations, which, while imperfectly fulfilling their part of the bargain, have reaped enormous profits at the expense of the people. In several instances, the lands are locked up in the name of companies having only a technical existence; the charters being held for sale, and the work which Congress was asked to aid remaining untouched. In other cases, the grants have been so far in excess of the cost of the roads to be constructed, that the shareholders have acquired the property without the expenditure of a dollar of their own, and still have fortunes in the shape of unsold lands. The result of this system has been to obstruct actual settlement, to create vast land monopolies, and to build up a power which demoralizes and threatens almost to control political affairs.

The position was rendered infinitely worse when Congress so far succumbed to corrupt combinations and influences as to become the financial indorser of enterprises already munificently endowed with land. As though the war debt were not sufficient to tax the strength and patience of the country, we have seen enormous amounts of Government bonds issued on the pretence of aiding the construction of railroads whose land grants, at a very moderate valuation, represent more than the total cost. The case, so far as these roads are concerned, stands thus: The proceeds of Government bonds more than cover the entire cost, notwithstanding which they rank only as a second mortgage; the proceeds of first mortgage bonds issued by the companies being so much clear gain to the stockholders, who—if the experience of the Illinois Central is of any value—have a mine of wealth in the territory given them by the Government. Subsidies so extravagant do not admit of defence. They are evidence of extreme folly or shameless corruption on the part of those who sanctioned them; either interpretation being rendered yet worse by recent official revelations as to the character of much of the work so munificently provided for. It appears not improbable that the country will hereafter witness the spectacle of great corporations, made rich and powerful by the injudicious bounty of Congress, and using their riches and power to taint the legislation of the country at its source.

For still these cormorants cry for more. Not satisfied with subsidies which, in their extravagance, are without a parallel, they demand further consideration in diverse forms. Initiatory steps have been taken, moreover, to secure the multiplication of projects, each of which expects to receive quite as much as has been vouchsafed upon its predecessors. The reckless liberality of the Government is made a pretext for endowing other roads. Here and there we discover mock virtue taking the form of modified propositions for help, and offering the security of a first instead of a second mortgage upon the roads to be constructed. But the nature of all these schemes is the same. They are attempts to obtain possession of more territory, and to augment the liabilities of the Government. On both grounds we trust that they will fail. We would not have another acre alienated from the people, to whom it belongs, for the benefit of any railroad enterprise whatever. And assuredly we would not sanction the assumption of a single fresh liability, whether it be classed as a first or second mortgage on works to be built, directly or indirectly, with the people's money.

The schemes are not confined to railroads. There are various other methods of squandering means which the country is in no condition to donate or even to loan. The Spire Tunnel is a specimen of the latter class; a project gotten up under the pretence of promoting silver mining, but so obviously speculative and worthless that to us it seems not many degrees removed from a swindle. With all these affairs, Congress can honestly deal only in one way. Whether it regard the prudence or the justice of the policy involved in the claims presented, it is bound to refuse compliance with them, and to pronounce that refusal with an emphasis that shall leave no room to doubt the purpose of its decision.

The Government and the Telegraph,—Public and Private Control Compared.

A very strenuous effort has been made, by those who urge the Government to enter into the business of Telegraphing, to convince the public that the service would be much more economical than it is at present, and that telegraphing could thus be made much cheaper, and more accessible to the great mass of the people. Assertions to this effect have been made in Congress and elsewhere, and the example of European nations has been cited in support of them.

The matter is worth inquiry. The statistics of telegraphs constructed and operated under governmental control, as compared with those constructed and operated under private control, are as follows:

Under Government Control.

Name of Country.	No. of Offices.	No. of Messages Sent.	Population.	Proportion of Offices to Population.
Austria	851	2,507,472	29,411,100	1 to 44,511
Belgium	256	1,130,003	4,952,451	1 to 14,600
Bavaria			4,841,686	
Denmark	89	205,150	2,468,712	1 to 27,600
France	1,500	3,807,473	36,203,035	1 to 21,600
Italy	520	1,700,269	26,925,717	1 to 49,000
Norway	78	289,275	1,428,488	1 to 19,000
Prussia	850	4,064,008	17,739,219	1 to 20,000
Russia	308	238,663	62,234,321	1 to 202,000
Switzerland	269	668,916	2,510,494	1 to 10,000
Spain	143	639,276	16,303,635	1 to 109,000
Totals	4,347	12,486,311		

Under Private Control.

Name of Country.	No. of Offices.	No. of Messages Sent.	Population.	Proportion of Offices to Population.
G'r. Britain & Ireland	2,161	5,781,189	29,591,008	1 to 13,714
Dominion of Canada	203	572,219	3,976,224	1 to 19,600
U. States	4,195	12,388,562	31,148,047	1 to 7,549
Totals	6,659	18,741,960		

That is, in Continental Europe, where the telegraphs were built and are operated by Government, there are but 4,347 offices for a population of over 250,000,000; while in Great Britain, the United States, and the Dominion of Canada, where telegraphy has been left to private enterprise and has been untrammeled by governmental interference, by monopoly or restriction, there are 6,659 offices to a population of 64,000,000. While the number of telegrams transmitted in Continental Europe was only 12,486,311 in one year, there were sent in the three countries where telegraphy is free from governmental intermeddling and repression, 18,741,360. While the average cost of telegrams in Europe was 81½ cents, in the three countries where the people were let alone and suffered to manage the business themselves, it averaged only 51 cents.

The expenses of our Post Office Department, (which Mr. WASHBURNE proposes shall do the telegraphing for the people of the United States,) exceed its income by over six millions of dollars. That concern cannot guess within one hundred millions the number of letters it transmits per annum. It helplessly sends over 4,800,000 letters to the Dead Letter Office every year. It has no more than forty-six free-delivery offices, in a total of 29,387 post offices, in the United States. It is a political machine from top to bottom, liable to change and reconstruction after every Presidential election, and subject to partisan service previous to and during every election.

But let us look for a moment at the interest which the publishers and readers of daily newspapers have in the change proposed.

In the year 1867 the Western Union Telegraph Company delivered to the Press of the country 294,503,630 words of news, at a cost of three and a half cents for a message of twenty words, or one and seven-tenths of a mill per word. This service was principally performed at very late hours of the night. That it was well done, that it was zealously done, every manager of every important morning paper in the country can truthfully testify. The Superintendents and operators of the main receiving and distributing offices of the Company were in sympathy and accord with the Press. The interests of both were identical and reciprocal. Patience and courtesy marked the intercourse of the Company's agents with the representatives of the newspapers. Nothing on this score was left to be desired. In a word, the service of the Press by the Western Union Telegraph Company, its painstaking, its industry, its liberality, its disposition to oblige, was perfect. A change of this service from the Company, or another organization like it, to the Government, must be a change for the worse. There can be no doubt about this. The clerks of the telegraphic branch of the Post Office Department would surely partake of the spirit that characterizes nearly all American governmental employes. They would be indifferent, unsympathetic, generally supercilious, disposed to shirk work, and would do no more and no better than was necessary to retain themselves in place. Beyond that they would subside into mere office-holding. Their responsibility would be to their departmental chiefs. It would not be possible for these to be animated by a constant desire to earn profits, for they would not have a shareholder's interest in earning profits. Therefore all that impelling motive to satisfy the public, which is essential to the growth and profitableness of a business, would be wanting to the bureaucratic managers of the Government Telegraph, and would be found wanting in their subordinates. The service of the Press would inevitably fall off in zeal and vigor, less news would be published, and the interest which the great papers now have for their readers would be impaired.

The consideration of economy connected with the proposed assumption by Government of the Telegraph business, possesses even more interest for the newspaper Press than the quality of service the change would bring. The 14,726,161 telegrams furnished to the Press of the United States by the Western Union Telegraph Company in one year cost only $631,509. It is a striking and very suggestive fact that this quantity of news is greater than the entire *telegraphic correspondence of all Continental Europe*, from which the paternal Governments therein charge and receive $11,597,032 a year. The following table will show a warning contrast in this respect between the European system of control by the State and the American system of private management. The number of messages delivered to the Press is obtained for this comparison by dividing the total number of words furnished to the Press by 20, the standard in Europe:

Statement Showing the Average Cost of Telegrams in Continental Europe and the Average Cost of Press Telegrams in the United States, with Total Amount of Each per Annum:

Total number of messages transmitted in Continental Europe for the year 1868	12,486,311	Total number of messages furnished to the newspapers of the U. States for 1867	14,726,161
Gross receipts for the above	$11,597,032 71	Gross receipts for the above	$631,509
Average cost of telegrams in Continental Europe	81 cents.	Average cost of Press telegrams in the United States	8½ cents.

This exhibit shows the economical results of leaving the Press and the Telegraph perfectly free. It also shows the repressive and wasteful effects of Governmental interference with the business of the people. The collection and transmission of news by telegraph is one of the greatest benefits Americans enjoy. Negatively, they owe it to the fact that the Government has hitherto wholly let the Telegraph alone, and has minded its business of political administration. Positively, they are indebted for it to the combined enterprise and public spirit of the Press and the Western Union Telegraph Company, the latter transmitting the reports gathered by the former at a price which barely covers the cost of the labor employed, and which leaves nothing to repair wear and tear of lines or to pay interest on the investments to construct them. This system is the best in the world for the Press and the public. There is nothing like it in Europe, and there never will be anything like it there until Europe is democratized. Consider the immense machinery which the Western Union Company already has in harmonious and precise motion all over the United States. It possesses:

2,831 telegraph offices,
80,760 miles of line,
97,416 miles of wire,
265 submarine cables,
6,329 skilled employes.

The publishers of newspapers should, in the interest of their readers, cling to their present telegraphic news system tenaciously, and should regard with jealousy and oppose with vigor every movement of the Government in the direction either of a control of the general business of telegraphing, or an incorporation of it into any department of its civil or military administration. It is impossible for the Government to perform a service or to manufacture a product as cheaply as individuals or corporations can. If it should, by its interference, break down the existing admirable system of obtaining telegraphic news at low rates, it would be compelled to raise the rates, or to present to Congress and the people the annual deficit of income as compared with expenditure which now characterizes the service of the Post Office Department. Fluctuations of rates, and, in the end, permanently higher rates, would inevitably be the consequence.

Mr. WASHBURNE's bill to annex the telegraph to the Post Office provides for a general tariff of one cent per word for telegrams, with an additional charge of three cents for postage and two cents for delivery, and stipulates that a reduction upon Press reports shall be made of not more than fifty per cent. *This rate would increase the average cost of news to the Press of the United States more than three hundred per cent.*, and would compel the newspapers to pay an extra tax of a million dollars a year for the privileges they now enjoy. As a matter of course, whatever increases the cost of newspapers to those who *make* them, increases their cost in a corresponding ratio to those who *read* them. The operation of the proposed change, therefore, upon the Press and through it upon the great mass of the reading public, would be exceedingly injurious, and we feel warranted in calling upon the Press of the country to expose and resist it.

A Bad Heresy.

Patriotism is a very good thing in its place, but such love of country as Mr. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, showed in the House on Tuesday is of a very dangerous character. He objected to the printing of Commissioner WELLS' report, because it represents that, while wealth is accumulating more rapidly than in any other land or age, the poor are steadily growing poorer, and the rich richer; that there is a wide yawning gulf between poverty and wealth, which is ever widening, and that the laboring man and his family cannot live so well on his earnings now as they could in 1860. And the gentleman added that, if this were so, "then the country is on an eve of aristocracy and of a social condition such as the world has never seen." Yet he did not contradict the terrible facts of the report—nor could he do so. His objection was to the conclusions drawn from them by the Commissioner, and his opposition to printing the report was that it would throw discredit upon the country, and upon Congress.

This is very much like a physician's refusing to warn a man who is threatened with severe illness because it would show the man to have been careless and his medical adviser not altogether wise. It would be simply continuing and perpetuating the maltreatment.

There can be no doubt that, since the necessities of the war enabled men of strong executive ability and sagacity to accumulate huge fortunes, the tendency of capital has been, as it always will be when it has a chance, to concentrate, to agglomerate, to gather more and more largely together, like rolling snow. Nor can it be denied that the abnormal condition of commerce and manufactures, and particularly the loose and expensive nature of our circulating medium—all necessary consequences of evil times—have disturbed the routine workings of labor and production. Have inflated prices, and by making it harder for persons of limited means to get on, have tended to "make the poor poorer." And why should we ignore the fact? To assert that a nation which has spent millions of property, millions of money and hundreds of thousands of lives is as rich as before, is supreme nonsense. We are as a nation poorer, and must bravely look the fact in the face.

The tendency to a concentration of riches and an increase of poverty is no less true than portentous of trouble ahead. But we take the unwelcome fact home and study it. Let us not stop to criminate each other as to whose fault it is, but calmly look for the remedy. Does it bear hard upon Congress? Let Congressmen be doubly anxious to retrieve past errors, to unite in measures of judicious economy in public expenditure, to provide a way for the funding of our huge debt at lower interest rates, to raise our over money toward the value expressed upon its face. Let them learn not to pass demagogic and meaningless laws, attempting to regulate the relations between capital and labor, not to tax the whole country, by high import duties and tariffs for the benefit of single sections of the land. Let them take a new start in their modes of legislation, working less under the pressure of "influence," more after the guidance of independent reason.

Congress can not be blamed for the whole evil under which we labor; on the contrary, it has done much that is eminently praiseworthy. But let its members not shirk their share of responsibility. Above all let them not ignore unpleasant facts nor think of keeping them from the country. The worse things are, the more we all ought to know about them.

The report was ordered printed, but Mr. KELLEY's attempt to smother it was of such decided and rank heresy to all the traditions and necessities of our national life, our commonwealth, that we cannot forbear an earnest protest against his doctrines.

The Purchase of St. Thomas.

The *Post*, in arguing against the ratification of the treaty for the purchase of St. Thoma, asks:

"But what do we want with St. Thomas? If we were still in the days of sailing ships we might need a naval station; but men-of-war are now propelled by steam, and need not look for a windwind harbor."

It is perfectly true that "men-of-war are now propelled by steam;" but men-of-war on ordinary cruising duty do not, or, at least, *ought* not to be propelled, except in case of exigency, by steam, but by sails. In the House discussion on the navy, the other day, this point was brought out very strongly, it being urged that "the vessels of other nations when on watch duty or cruising duty move under sails," and that ours should do the same. Accordingly, whatever advantages St. Thomas possessed as a naval station "in the days of sailing ships," it possesses to a considerable extent, now, in *time of peace*.

In time of war, the advantages of having a naval and coaling station in that region are obvious. And, in fact, these advantages have been so strongly presented by Admiral PORTER and other distinguished officers of the navy, that we need hardly recall them. It may be added, however, that our new screw navy is unfortunately so constructed as to have very limited coal-carrying powers; and, when good authority assures us that the fastest ship in the navy has no sailing power, and only capacity in her bunkers for about eight days' supply of coal, the advantages of such a coaling station, even in times of peace, become apparent.

However, we trust the question will be decided simply on its merits. If St. Thomas is worth anything at all, it is clearly worth seven millions. If we *do* need a station in the Gulf, that or the Bay of Samana is undoubtedly the best that can now be had. It is a simple question of relative needs and means.

Bricklayers and Strikes.

If the National Bricklayers have labored with a mountain, they have surely brought forth a mouse. Before their late Convention at Washington, the telegraph gave out that they would "adopt measures to obviate, as far as possible, the injurious *ultimatum* of strikes." This was certainly an ambitious, and a very commendable task, grappling, as it does, with one of the chief difficulties in the great labor problem of the day.

But, what is the result? Chiefly, a "resolution," "empowering the unions to inaugurate strikes, whenever, in their opinion, occasion requires, provided they do so in conformity with the Constitution of the National Union." It was further determined that "the matter of raising funds to sustain strikes should be "left to voluntary contribution, as heretofore."

In other words, the Bricklayers' Union has "met" the great difficulty by avoiding it. Conspiracy laws relating to strikes still remain on the statute-books of most of the States, and are so likely to remain until some better road out of the strike-business is suggested. To suppose that any "Constitution of the National Bricklayers" can be set up in opposition to State laws, is simply preposterous. If this Trades' Union or any other can suggest even the rudiments of better legislation, it will be most gladly accepted. But the National Bricklayers cannot expect that such a substitute shall consist in a mere resolution that "it shall require the sanction of two-thirds of all the Unions in every city or town where more than one Union exists before any employer or employe shall be pronounced a 'scab.'"

Spring is at hand, and the best working season for building and other out-door trades will soon be upon us. Are we to have another series of "strikes," with all their train of miseries? To demand "how will you prevent them?" is very easy; as well ask for an off-hand solution of the great struggle between capital and labor. What we do know, however, is that mere resolutions to support strikes in given contingencies does not help the matter at all.

The New-York statute, for example, against unlawful conspiracies, declares in substance that "if two or more persons shall conspire to commit any act injurious to trade or commerce, they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor." Under this statute the Courts have repeatedly held that an ordinary Trades' Union, pledged to work together against "scabs," (as their fastidious lingo has it) is a conspiracy. More than that, they have held very slight acts of coercion to be unlawful.

For instance, in DAWSON's case, last Fall, the only "overt act" shown was the refusal of the foreman of the bricklayers in Mr. DUNHAM's employ, at West Farms, to "work where young Dawson worked" because, forsooth, the latter did not belong to the Union. The jury, as will be remembered, acquitted an action against the dissatisfied foreman and certain other members of the Union of the charge, on this evidence. One any slighter cause of action be conceived? It was not that they persecuted Dawson's boy, for they did not; they only threw up their own places because "the rules of the Union" made them do so.

Such, in fact, is the strictness of the laws of most States, that such a resolution as we have quoted from the Bricklayers' Convention becomes in itself, if acted upon by subordinate Unions, evidence of a conspiracy to break the laws. If it amounted to anything more than a mere calling of odious names, it becomes proof of criminality. We may conclude, therefore, that the bricklayers have not advanced far toward a solution of this most difficult problem of the labor question.

MINOR TOPICS.

We do not believe the current newspaper stories that Secretary SEWARD has been negotiating for the transfer of the Island of Cuba from the Spanish Government. It is possible that the question has been mooted from Madrid, but no proposition for the purchase has been seriously entertained by our Government.

Propositions to raise everybody's salary are now in order in the State Legislature. Yesterday a bill was introduced to raise the salaries of the members of the Metropolitan Fire Department, as, on the previous day, a bill had been introduced to raise the salaries of the members of the Metropolitan Police Department. In the Fire Department, the Chief Engineer is to have $5,000 per annum; district engineers, $3,000; foremen, $1,600; stokers, drivers, &c., $1,200. If our tax-paying citizens, and our hard-working classes, fail to let their voices be heard in regard to all these propositions to raise the salaries of everybody who is paid from the public purse, they will next year find themselves groaning under burdens that will almost take away their power to groan.

Something at least has been done to remedy the *franking* scandal. The House yesterday passed Mr. FARNSWORTH's bill prohibiting members of Congress and others entitled to the franking privilege from exercising said privilege otherwise than by his or her written autograph signature upon the matter franked. This does away with the business of stamping franks by machinery, which has recently been indulged in to such a large extent. We cannot doubt that the Senate will act favorably on this bill, and we are quite certain Mr. JOHNSON will not veto it.

Senator WILSON introduced an important bill yesterday for regulating the higher grades of the army. It provides for one full General, three Lieutenant-Generals, and nine Major-Generals, and abolishes entirely the rank of Brigadier-General. There is no doubt that the present law is unsatisfactory, and will be still more so when GRANT resigns his office of General. We have not had time to examine the new bill fully; but we are inclined to approve it at first glance. We suppose that under its provisions SHERMAN would be raised to the Generalship, and the three Lieutenant-Generals would be SHERIDAN, THOMAS and MEADE.

There is a bill before the State Legislature to punish by fine any person convicted of defrauding in the weight of coal, and to appoint inspectors of coal, with large salaries. The point of this bill is, of course, in its tail,—in that part of it which provides nice places for coal inspectors. Most certainly we are in favor of punishing persons who swindle in coal, but we have laws on that subject now, and functionaries who ought to see to their enforcement. If we are to have special inspectors in regard to coal, we ought also to have special inspectors in regard to all other articles of measurement and sale that are in common use. By adopting this plan, one-half the able-bodied men in the State might be furnished with real nice offices which the other half would constantly be trying to get into.

It is whispered in certain official quarters that one of the men now in custody, upon the charge of murdering Mr. ROGERS, is known by the authorities to be the culprit—that the most conclusive evidence against him is in possession of those who pretend to be still in the dark concerning this extraordinary mystery. Can it be possible that any one is so wicked as to shield the criminal, whoever he may be, from the just judgment of the law?

The people have been looking for Congress to take some step in the way of reducing the Regular Army; but we have heard nothing on the subject lately, except that Senator WILSON is preparing a bill in regard to it. There are such perfect quiet and order in the Southern States now that but few troops are needed there, and the hostilities against the Indians have got to a point at which but a small force is needed on the Plains. There could be no easier or better way of retrenching the public expenditures a few millions than by cutting down the Regular Army to one-half its present strength.

We concur with the *Tribune* in thinking that now the Blaisdell and Eckel whisky case is nearly ended, attention should be given to the "revenue officers" of the district in which the frauds are alleged to have been perpetrated. These frauds were impossible without the connivance of these officers; and the evidence submitted on this trial shows clearly that this connivance was secured. That the officers in question should instantly be dismissed is a matter of course. But this is by no means all. They should be indicted, tried, and punished for their violations of the law. Revenue officers have been sent to State Prison and are there yet, for offences less flagrant and scandalous than those which are proved to have been perpetrated in this case. There can be no difficulty in getting hold of the right men or in putting them upon trial. The Blaisdell case has made the process easy. Will the District-Attorney give his attention to this feature of the case as promptly as possible?

The President has withdrawn his nomination of PERRY FULLER for Collector of the Port of New-Orleans, and sent in the name of WM. H. WEMPLE. The President also nominated COL. BUCHANAN and GILLEM to be Brigadier-Generals in the Regular Army, in place of Gen. HOOKER, retired, and Gen. SCHUMAN, deceased. He sent in a number of other important nominations.

We copied from the Washington correspondence of the Worcester *Spy* a day or two since a paragraph stating that "Rail Summer thousands of copies of the New-York *Tribune*, containing a prospectus of that journal, were sent off from this city, under the frank of a distinguished member of the House," asking, at the same time, what the *Tribune* called this statement. The *Tribune* replies that it "calls it lying,"—which is perfectly satisfactory if the whether it is the true name for the statement or not, is a matter which concerns mainly the *Spy's* correspondent who made it. It ought not to have been made without some evidence of its truth, at all events.

The estimate of 3,500,000 bales of Cotton (say 875,000,000 pounds) as the aggregate of last year's Southern crop is a very encouraging one for general trade during this year. At an average of twenty-five cents, the South will have cleared, after paying all expenses of transportation, commission, etc., and so on, about seventy millions of dollars. And this will be pretty much found in new capital, for the South bought very little grain last year, raising plenty of provisions. Good sense in "mastering the situation," and a heavy setting to work in developing the superb resources of our Southern country will not fail, if opportunity be given, to redeem it from its misery and misfortune in a few years.

It is true, after all, that the young Marquis of Bute, who recently came of age and into the possession of fifteen hundred thousand dollars of annual income, has become a convert to the Church of Rome—or as the English Protestant papers always put it, "a convert," without further indication of the creed to which the religious emigrant has given his adhesion. This is a great triumph for the Roman Church, and will be seized upon in many quarters as an unanswerable proof of the existence of Mr. DISRAELI's celebrated "conspiracy." The success of Roman Catholic proselytism among the very highest classes of English society has long been remarkable, but the present coup is simply gigantic. It more than compensates for the Protestant triumph some ten years ago, when the ancient Earldom of Shrewsbury, and the vast possessions of the Talbots, a family long one of the mainstays of the Roman Church in England, were gained by a Protestant claimant.

One efficient cause of casualtiness in English railway management is the very general prosecution of Companies by passengers suffering from accidents. In the year 1867, the railway companies of the United Kingdom paid $1,700,000 gold, as compensation for personal injury, amounting to more than $4,750 a day. This was the largest sum ever paid in any one year, in this way. And yet the average of casualties was really less in that year than in any foregoing statistics for 1867, showing one passenger in eight and a half millions killed, while those for the five years immediately preceding, show an average of one killed in every seven millions. This increase of compensation and decrease of casualty do not occur in the same year without reason; and if our people were as prompt and energetic in reclamations for damages after railway accidents as their British cousins, we should see a corresponding diminution of railroad murders.

The Loew Bridge has disappeared, and, bad as it was, it at least proved the necessity of providing some means of crossing Broadway in its most crowded parts in muddy and sloppy weather. There ought to be ingenuity enough in this City, one would think, to devise a light convenient structure which would accomplish this object without being in the way of anybody or very seriously offending anybody's taste by its hideousness. Cannot the Common Council devise some way of getting a feasible plan for something of the kind from skilled and competent persons.

Half the pleasure of a drive through the Central Park is marred by the danger and difficulty of getting there by way of Fifth-avenue. The street is either clogged by stacks of building material, or else, where the carriage-way happens to be clear, the chances are that its entire width is taken up by three or four heavy builders' carts, whose drivers keep abreast of each other, that they may conveniently indulge their desire for conversation. This condition of the only avenue which remains to those of our citizens who prefer to ride in their own vehicles rather than in the public cars, ought not to be tolerated. Builders ought to be required to keep within their heaps of dirt, bricks, and timber, *within* the enclosure of the house they are constructing, not only on Fifth-avenue, but also on every other street. And on every thoroughfare, crowded as Fifth-avenue is each bright afternoon, all vehicles should be required to "keep in line"—keeping to the right both in going and returning. Cannot the Central Park Commissioners come to some arrangement with the Police, which shall ensure a fair degree of comfort, regularity, and good order?

OBITUARY.

Mr. Elbert Perce.

Mr. ELBERT PERCE, for several years connected with the educational department of Messrs. CHARLES SCRIBNER & Co.'s publishing house, died at his residence in Brooklyn on Monday night, after a week's illness, from an attack of pneumonia. Mr. PERCE was born in this City Aug. 17, 1831, and has always resided here, with the exception of a few years spent in Buffalo. He was a gentleman of unusual literary ability, and of a decidedly active and ingenious mind. In 1851 he published, through C

TELEGRAMS.

SPAIN.

Cuba Authorized to Send Representatives to the Cortes.

MADRID, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The Provisional Government has issued a decree authorizing the Island of Cuba to send eighteen delegates and the Island of Porto Rico eleven delegates to the Constituent Cortes.

Active preparations are being made for the embarkation of the additional reinforcements for Cuba. Four Generals are to go out in command of the troops.

The newly-elected Cortes will meet for business on the 11th of February.

FRANCE.

The Statements of the New Blue Book.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The French Blue Book for the year 1868 has made its appearance. The correspondence with the Government at Washington shows that cordial relations continue to be maintained between France and the United States. In reference to recent events in the Spanish Peninsula the Blue Book says France, faithful to the principles of her foreign policy and to her friendship for Spain, preserves a strict neutrality and sincerely wishes her well through the crisis. Statistics are given to show the strength of the French army, which is officially reported to number at the present time 404,000 men, of whom 115,000 are on furlough. The Blue Book also contains the dispatches and communications which were exchanged between the French and Italian Governments in regard to the evacuation of Rome by the French troops. All the attempts to make an arrangement to that end proved fruitless.

Interview Between Mr. Burlingame and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Mr. ANSON BURLINGAME, of the Chinese Embassy, had an interview to-day with the Marquis DE LA VALLETTE, the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

CRETE.

Escape of the President of the Provisional Government.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The *Liberté* asserts that the President of the Cretan Provisional Government has escaped from Candia, and will go to the United States, where he will endeavor to raise a loan and purchase iron-clads with the object of making one more effort to free Candia from the dominion of the Turks.

INDIA.

Great Loss of Life by the Recent Earthquake in India.

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Particulars of the earthquake, which recently occurred around the shores of the Bay of Bengal, have been received by telegraph. The loss of life was very great.

PORTUGAL.

The Old Ministry to Continue in Office.

LISBON, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The Ministerial crisis has passed. The Duke of Saldanha declined to form a new Cabinet, and the old Ministry under the Marquis DE LA BARRHERA remains in office.

TURKEY.

The Report of the Recall of the American Minister Denied.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The truth of the report that Mr. MORRIS, the American Minister to the Sublime Porte, had been recalled by his Government, is positively denied.

SOUTH AMERICA.

The Report of the Defeat of the Paraguayans Confirmed.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Later advices from Rio Janeiro have been received to-day. The previous reports of the capture of Villeta and the destruction of the Paraguayan army are fully confirmed.

CUBA.

The Failure of the Banco del Comercio—Particulars of the Destruction of Bayamo.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Contrary to general expectation, the Banco del Comercio has not resumed payment, and its present condition is doubtful. Merchants who deposited in the bank are now embarrassed by the loss of their money; and it is reported through the city that several houses intimately connected in their business relations with the bank may fail, unless that institution manages to make an arrangement with its creditors. The notes of the Spanish Bank are quoted at five and a half per cent. discount. The general financial condition at present presents an inauspicious appearance. Merchants in the city complain that they are unable to make collections from the country merchants.

The *Verdad*, the new Cuban Liberal journal, makes a severe attack upon the Spanish Bank. The same paper also denounces the attempts made this week to assassinate Spanish soldiers.

The insurgents have burned the town of Datil.

Particulars of the destruction of Bayamo have been received. The inhabitants, before and after the firing of their homes, fled to the woods and Guire mountains. It is reported that the conflagration lasted three days. The *Prensa* says the rebels sacked the city before setting it on fire. Affecting details are given of the want and suffering of the fugitive citizens in the mountainous districts, which are uninhabited and destitute of provisions.

Reports from Spanish sources state that Count VALMASEDA is advancing with his whole force upon the rebels, who have posted themselves in the mountains.

The *Diario* is informed that the rebel General, JESUS PEREZ, has offered to surrender himself and the forces under his command, provided an unconditional pardon is granted. The Spanish General at Santiago has conceded these terms, and expects PEREZ will soon give himself up.

Authentic particulars of recent events and the condition of the revolutionists from Cuban sources is wanting, and there are no means at present of confirming the news given above, which is derived largely from official dispatches.

The steamer *Maryland* arrived to-day from Baltimore.

Opening of Roberts' New Opera House at Hartford.

HARTFORD, Conn., Wednesday, Jan. 20.

ROBERTS' new Opera House, in this city, just completed, and in many respects the finest place of amusement in New-England, was opened this evening. LOWELL & SIMMONDS, of New-York, are the lessees for the opening season, and for the opening night, Mr. JOHN E. OWENS, the comedian, was the star, supported by an excellent company. He remains through this week, and Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY WILLIAMS appear on Monday evening. The opera house is modeled somewhat after Fike's New-York Opera House, and the large audience assembled this evening were delighted with its appearance and arrangements.

The Trial of Mrs. Twitchell in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The trial of Mrs. TWITCHELL, charged with the murder of her mother, commenced to-day. Mrs. TWITCHELL was clad in black, her face concealed by a thick veil. An chair attended her in Court, sitting in front of the dock and conversing with her during the morning. At times when not talking, Mrs. TWITCHELL would lean forward and rest her head upon the railing in front. The crowd of spectators was not so great as was anticipated, as it was not generally known that the case would be reached to-day. A panel of 160 jurors was called, and considerable time consumed in hearing those who wished to be excused from serving. The jury was completed this afternoon, and the examination of witnesses proceeded with. So far the evidence is but a repetition of that adduced on the trial of her husband. Dr. SHAPPLESHAW, on cross-examination, was asked if the least trail of a woman's dress on the spots of blood leading from the sofa to the window from which the body was thrown would not have smeared. Witness replied it would, and that all of the spots were well formed, as though they had dropped perpendicularly, and he did not see any spots that were smeared. LEWIS testified to blood and hair on the poker—to blood on the bottom of the candlestick and door-knob. On cross-examination, the witness said it would not have been possible for a woman to have aided in beating Mrs. HIXE without getting blood on her clothes, particularly if she rendered any physical assistance.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Meeting of the Democratic State Convention—Nomination of Governor.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CONCORD, N. H., Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The Democratic State Convention this afternoon nominated Gen. JOHN BAZELL, of Bath, for Governor, and Gen. M. T. DONOHUE for Railroad Commissioner, the latter by acclamation. Short resolutions were passed declaring adhesion to the Constitution and in favor of the taxation of bonds. Hon. INO. A. BEARMAN, of Concord, was the permanent chairman. On taking the chair he made the following speech:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: You will please accept my thanks for this mark of your confidence. The occasion which has brought you together is one of much interest and importance. You have met to inaugurate the first campaign since the Presidential election, and the whole country will look upon your doings and the results which your action shall produce upon the voters of our State, with solicitude. Times may change, men may change, Governments and dynasties may crumble to pieces, but the principles of right and justice are eternal, and will never change. [Applause.] And it is by those principles that I believe you are governed in coming here to-day. Patriotism, love of right, love of justice, equal privileges to all and equal blessings upon all are your cardinal principles. You stand in the attitude of observation; you see a President elected from whom the country hopes much. You did not give him your votes, but to another in whom you had more confidence, and who you believe was better qualified for the high position. It remains to be seen whether those hopes are to be realized, or whether he who was invincible in war shall be the mere instrument of corrupt and designing politicians in peace. If he shall do right; if the principles of justice and equity shall control his action, he will have your support and mine. But if, as we fear, he shall be controlled by the Radical leaders of the nation, whose great aim is, and has been ever since the war was closed, to keep themselves in power, utterly regardless of consequences, even though they be the destruction of the Constitution and Government of the fathers, he will receive, as he will merit, our strenuous opposition and our utter detestation. In the present position of political affairs what are the issues? To my mind they are few and plain. The past is gone; past differences should be buried. It is the present and future that we live for, and the issues are live ones. They are retrenchment, and reform, and honesty, and integrity in all the departments of Government, and equal taxation upon all species of property. Corruption, dishonesty, embezzlement and theft permeate all the streams of Government, and taxation—unjust, unequal and wicked—is crushing the masses and sucking the very life-blood of the people. These are the issues, and they are founded on the principles of eternal right.

Fellow-citizens, let us go to work with the determination and fixed resolve that the Democratic Party of the Granite State shall never be disbanded till we can have right and justice done.

TENNESSEE.

Two Thousand Militia to be Enrolled and Armed to Suppress the Ku-Klux—Martial Law to be Declared.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Gov. BROWNLOW will enroll and arm about two thousand white troops. No blacks will be mustered. These will be organized by companies, and as fast as armed will be sent to the following counties, where the Ku-Klux have been reported. Most of these counties will be placed under martial law: In West Tennessee—Gibson, Weakley, Dyer, Obion, Lauderdale, Madison, Haywood, Tipton, Hickman, Humphrey and Benton. In Middle Tennessee—Franklin, Sumner, Giles, Marshall, Murray, Lincoln, Bedford, Rutherford, Coffee, White, Jackson, Overton, Putnam and Wilson. No disturbances of any kind have taken place in East Tennessee, and none are apprehended.

A bill providing for the sale of the railroads which have not paid the interest on the State bonds loaned them, passed the House of Representatives, on the third reading without a single vote against it.

LOUISIANA.

Gen. Mower Assigned to the Command—Letter of Gen. Buchanan in Reply to Gov. Warmouth.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Gen. MOWER has been assigned to the command of the District of Louisiana, and the headquarters of the Thirty-ninth Infantry (MOWER'S Regiment,) transferred to this city.

Gen. BUCHANAN has addressed the following letter to Senator KELLOGG, in reply to statements contained in Gov. WARMOUTH'S letter to the same Senator:

HEADQUARTERS STATE OF LOUISIANA, NEW-ORLEANS, La., 1869.

Hon. W. P. Kellogg, United States Senate, Washington D. C.:

DEAR SIR: In a private letter of date Dec. 10, 1868, addressed to you by Gov. WARMOUTH, two passages relative to myself occur which I cannot allow to go uncorrected without having my motives and conduct during the November elections entirely misconstrued. The Governor says:

"At an interview between Gen. ROUSSEAU, Gen. BUCHANAN, Gen. HATCH and myself, I was satisfied that the State had no friend in Gen. BUCHANAN, and but little reliance was to be placed in his active cooperation. He was severe in his criticisms and seemed to sympathize with the hostility entertained by the enemies of the Metropolitan Police Department, and suggested as a necessity that the old rebel force be restored. Our interview terminated without any satisfactory understanding."

The assertion that I was not a friend of the State would be cruel if it were not well known to yourself, sir, to be absurd. No one is more fully aware than Gov. WARMOUTH that to myself and the prompt measures taken by me on the day after the assembling of the Legislature, at its last session, was due on that and several days following, the preservation of the lives of himself and all the prominent members of the Republican Party in the Legislature, and of the new State Government. Does he call this hostility to the State? As to his second criticism referred to, he has forgotten to state that they were made by me as a soldier and not as a politician. A few days before the Presidential election the Legislature had created a Metropolitan Police Board, with a view to the appointment of a Police force to succeed the old force, under the control of the Mayor of the City and Chief of the Police. This appointment of the members of the new force created intense excitement throughout the city, and at the time referred to, very seriously threatened its peace. The constitutionality of the law was questioned and hence resistance to it was openly advocated. The members of the Metropolitan force became utterly demoralized, and the Governor became alarmed, and when at that interview I was consulted as to my views, I expressed the opinion as a military man that the change of the force at that juncture was unwise and injudicious, as it was similar a moment when he expected to fight a battle; and I lay in its effects to changing the forces of a General at therefore thought it better to continue the old force on duty until after the election. I had used that force to keep the peace during the April elections, and the peace had been preserved. Its Chief had been appointed by Gen. SHERIDAN, and its members generally by Mayor HEATH, himself an appointee of the same General, and hence the idea of calling it a disloyal force struck me as not only improper, but in absolute variance with probability. All this was known to the Governor, and yet he thought proper to risk his reputation for veracity by so unnecessary and unwarranted an assertion. He is well known to be subordinate to the Department Commander, and, withal, he finds himself compelled to assail, not my acts, but what he is pleased to call my motives; and this, too, in the very face of the acts themselves only. What were my acts when called on for troops to protect the citizens of Greenal? I sent a company over at once. When informed that the ferry-boats were taking men over at that point to create a riot, I stopped the boats from running, until they were released by higher authority. When informed that large parties from the city were about to proceed to St. Bernard in three steamboats, with a view of keeping up the war of races then going on in that parish, I sent a force down to the landing and prevented the movement. Was all this hostility to the State Government? I think not; I hope not. It was not certainly so intended. My fault, I think, consists in that: Congress has passed certain laws, and I have executed them, without commenting upon them, or caring to ascertain, with who I believed to be their intent and meaning as a soldier, and not as a politician. This I have done conscientiously, and this I shall do as long as I have a commission. The next passage in the Governor's letter to which I refer is as follows:

"It was so well that Gen. BUCHANAN stated to Gen. ROUSSEAU (Gen. ROUSSEAU's position) that the General (ROUSSEAU) would be as much justified in retiring with his troops as he would be before an enemy of superior force."

This passage relates to the number of troops at the Generals disposal during the election excitement. The inference from it plainly is that Gen. ROUSSEAU told the Governor at time alleged, statement of, and Unfortunately for the cause of truth the lamented General has passed from among us, but I know what he would have said, and I therefore deny that he ever made such statement to the Governor, for the reason that it would not have been true. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT C. BUCHANAN,
Brevet Major-General.

The Woman's Suffrage Convention.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The Woman's National Suffrage Convention continues to be a scene of much animation, the black and white delegates both taking part in the proceedings, the women speaking more than the men. The hall is crowded with spectators. Among the business was the following: On the reading of the resolution touching the question of educational suffrage, a spirited discussion took place. Mrs. STANTON was opposed to giving the right of suffrage to all classes of ignorant persons, and could never consent to place outside barbarians from Africa and China, the Indians, &c., over the women of the land. Col. R. J. HINTON spoke in opposition to its adoption. He was in favor of giving every person the right of suffrage, without regard to educational qualifications. There should be no distinction in race or color, and he did not hesitate to pronounce the system of educational suffrage as aristocratic, anti-democratic and pernicious. Miss ANTHONY followed in support of the resolution. She was emphatically in favor of an educational qualification, and the man or woman of this enlightened day, when free schools were so general, who could not read or write, was either a fool or an idiot. The question was further discussed, when an amendment, offered by GEORGE S. DOWRIE, that it would be an assumption of power for any class to declare what could be the base of intelligence, was adopted.

When the new resolution was read, which sets forth that one of the objects of the woman's rights movement is to throw additional safeguards around the marriage and family relations, Mrs. Dr. WALKER addressed the Convention in favor of its passage. She said it was a self-evident fact that woman had not been properly protected in her marriage relations, and she should heartily support any movement which would award to her greater protection and justice. The resolution was passed. The following resolution was also discussed:

Resolved, That as the Democratic cry of a white man's Government created the antagonism between the Irishman and the negro, culminating in those fearful July riots of 1863, so the Republican cry of manhood suffrage creates the same antagonism between the negro and the woman, and must result, especially in the Southern States, where violence is the law of life, in greater injustice and oppression toward the woman.

Mr. STANTON discussed the difference between the friends of negro suffrage and woman suffrage, and deprecated the opposition of woman to the former. He claimed that negro suffrage in the Southern States was paramount. For the want of the ballot-box the black man at the South was slaughtered and cheated every day.

Naturalization Frauds in California—Opening of a New Theatre.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The United States Grand Jury have found over three hundred indictments for naturalization frauds. They also recommend the Government to establish shipping offices in different seaports in order to prevent in some degree the outrageous treatment of sailors by officers of ships and sailor boarding-house keepers. Indicted, JAMES C. KING & Co., commission merchants, have suspended payment. Their liabilities are large. The new California Theatre opened last night with an audience of 3,000 persons. It is one of the finest theatres in the city, and will compare favorably with any theatre in the United States.

The Georgia Legislature.

ATLANTA, Ga., Wednesday, Jan. 20.

A resolution was introduced in the House to-day authorizing the Solicitor-General to inquire into the reasons for the appointment of a colored person to perform the duties of Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, to institute proceedings against the same, and to carry the case to the Supreme Court if necessary. After much debate the resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee. A member offered a resolution claiming that the State is fully reconstructed, that the Legislature is the judge of the qualifications of State officers, and that Congress has no right to interfere, which was also referred.

The American Steamship Company of Boston.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The American Steamship Company held their adjourned meeting to-day, elected directors, and referred the whole matter of the sale of the steamers to the Board. It was stated by the President that he has two standing offers from parties in New-York for the purchase of the steamers, at prices considerably in advance of the liabilities and debts; but an effort will be made to keep them here.

The Senatorial Contest in Florida.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Yesterday the House balloted once for United States Senator, WILSON, Republican, receiving 10 votes; OLIVER, Democrat, 12; RICHARDS, Republican, 5; MEACHAM, colored Republican, 5; others 1 vote each. The Senate took no action, and there has been no joint ballot to-day. The Senate seems inclined to hold that the election of GILBERT last June is legal, though when elected no vacancy existed, and a majority of the Senate appear to be decided not to go into joint ballot.

The Columbia Aldermen to be Attached for Contempt.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Wednesday, Jan. 20.

A motion will be made in the Supreme Court to-morrow against the acting Board of Aldermen of the City of Charleston, for a rule for them to show cause why they should not be attached for contempt for failing to obey a writ of *mandamus*, issued by the Supreme Court, ordering them to declare void the recent election for Mayor and Aldermen of that City.

A Protest Against the Virginia Conference Committee.

RICHMOND, Va., Wednesday, Jan. 20.

A Republican meeting to-night adopted a series of resolutions protesting against Congress granting what is asked for by the Virginia Conference Committee now in Washington.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

MONTREAL, Canada, Jan. 20.—A petition to the Minister of Public Works is being numerously signed, demanding the deepening of the harbors of Port Colborne and Port Dalhousie, in order to accommodate large vessels now engaged in the lake trade. It is rumored that the Dominion Government will appoint Hon. Mr. HOWE as delegate to Washington to aid in obtaining reciprocity.

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—The Hartford and Erie Railroad Company have purchased of the Boston Wharf Company 2,600,000 feet of land on Fort Point Channel for depot buildings, wharves, &c. The same Company have, it is said, ratified the lease of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, subject to the action of the Legislature.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Jan. 20.—The town of Middletown to-day unanimously voted to loan the bonds of the town, to the extent of five per cent. of her grand levy, to aid the Air Line Railroad between New-Haven and Boston.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Two men, named COMMINGS and BROWN, laborers on the Central Railroad, were killed near this city, yesterday afternoon, by a train of cars. The men leave families.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Four of the largest business houses in Lacey, Minn., were destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss was $80,000.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 20.—The Legislature to-day elected HON. WM. CALDWELL State Treasurer for the ensuing year.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 20.—A fire broke out in the village of Rondout about 1 o'clock this morning, which consumed an unoccupied building, the canal store of G. O'REILLY and the clothing store of JOHN MCILVEEN. The loss is about $40,000, and is fully insured. The fire was the work of an incendiary. During the fire a thief was caught stealing clothing, and was arrested and locked up in a building near by. He made his escape, however, by jumping from the second story window.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 20.—The fifty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi last night reflected THOMAS GATHWRIGHT Grand Master, J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary.

A Little Girl Attacked with Hydrophobia.

From the Cincinnati Commercial, Jan. 18.

Nine weeks ago yesterday, a little girl, 7 years old, by the name of FERGUS, whose mother lives on Western-avenue, between Bank-street and Harrison road, was bitten by a mad dog, her face being badly torn and lacerated by the fangs of the rabid animal. In the last week she has manifested unmistakable symptoms of hydrophobia. She is wild and delirious at times, and has made two attempts to bite her mother. The poor child has become much worse in the last few days, and has now to be constantly kept under the influence of opium. The dog was killed when it was discovered that he had bitten the little girl, and Mrs. FERGUS took her to Cleves as soon as she could, to try the efficacy of a mad-stone in the possession of the WORKLEY family, of that place. The stone was applied, but as yet has had no effect. Several physicians have been called in to attend the child, and all of them have expressed the opinion that she cannot recover. She now lies in a very critical condition, the weight of the mother's true is increased by the misfortune of her husband. He recently lost his mind, and is now confined in Longview Insane Asylum.

VIRGINIA.

Letter From the Conservative Committee to the Senate Judiciary Committee—Proposed Modifications of the New Constitution.

To the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate:

On behalf of the delegation of citizens of Virginia, and in accordance with the request of your Committee, we beg leave respectfully to submit, in the form of amendments to House bill 1,486, now under your consideration, such modifications of the Constitution proposed by the late Convention as, in our opinion, will, under all the circumstances, lead to its acceptance by the people of Virginia.

It is due to candor to say, in this connection, that those who sent us here expressed, as we believe, the real feeling and purpose of the people of Virginia, when they declared, "while the conviction of the undersigned, and, as they believe, of the people of Virginia generally, remains unchanged that the freedom of the Southern States, in their present unenfranchised condition, are not prepared for the intelligent exercise of the elective franchise, and the performance of other duties connected with public affairs, and are, therefore, at this time, unsafe depositaries of political power; yet, in view of the verdict of public opinion in favor of their being allowed to exercise the right of suffrage, as expressed in the recent elections, the undersigned are prepared, and they believe the majority of the people of Virginia are prepared, to surrender their opposition to its incorporation into their fundamental law, as an offering on the altar of peace, and in the hope that order and harmony may be restored on the basis of universal suffrage and universal amnesty."

Taking it, then, to be established as the policy of this Government to require in Virginia a constitutional recognition and enforcement of the civil and political equality of all men before the law, we have in the amendments proposed, inserted all the provisions looking to that result, which Congress has heretofore deemed proper, and we have left undisturbed all the provisions of the proposed constitution in any manner relating to this subject.

The first modification of the proposed constitution suggested by us is to strike from it all those features of disfranchisement and disqualification, and all those elements of bitterness and strife, political, sectional, and sectarian, which, in our judgment, may fairly be apprehended will prevent good government and good feeling, and tend to perpetuate alienations and discords, which all good citizens must deprecate. The power of a State to subject any of its citizens to disabilities for offences against the United States has been seriously questioned. It seems to be conceded that for the purpose of punishment no such power exists, and that disqualifications and disfranchisements are only admissible as measures of prevention and safety.

In this point of view it is worty of consideration that since the close of the war the people of Virginia have been living without disfranchisement or disability of any kind, under a government whose legislative and judicial departments and whole local organizations have been in the hands of the very classes whom it sought by the proposed constitution to exclude from every position of trust in the State. We claim with confidence that the result has been that the supremacy of law and order has been as fully maintained, and that the functions of good government have been as well performed in Virginia as in any State of the Union.

It is believed that article 3, section 1, paragraph 4, would disfranchise not less than ten or fifteen thousand voters in the State, including all those whom the people have been accustomed to trust in public employments.

Article 3, section 7, would disqualify for every position of public trust not less than ninety-five out of every hundred of the white people of Virginia who would otherwise be eligible, and would in connection with section 6 of the same article extend the like disability to serve upon juries.

It is believed that there is no advocate of universal negro suffrage who will not agree that in its application to Virginia, at this time, it is a fearful experiment, requiring for its success all the wisdom and experience that can be brought to its management; and it is respectfully submitted that to exclude from participation in State or local government at this time so large a proportion of those who, by experience in public affairs, are fitted to deal with this great problem, would be unwise and unsafe. We earnestly declare that in our behalf it would be wholly inconsistent with domestic tranquility, public order, or the security of the lives, liberty or property of the great body of the white population of Virginia.

The provision, of Article 11, relating to church property, is an attempt to reverse the settled policy of Virginia, which restricts the ownership of church property in amount, and confines it strictly to the local religious congregation. The purpose is to enable "ecclesiastical bodies" outside of Virginia, in opposition to the legislation of the State, and against its judicial decisions, to take the churches of Virginia from the local congregations who built them. The provision opens a controversy full of all the combined bitterness of party and section and sect over every Presbyterian and Methodist church building in Virginia.

The next modification suggested by us is to strike from the proposed Constitution, and thus to leave to legislative enactment or modification the whole of the cumberous machinery for local organization, government and police, which, in our judgment, is clearly unfitted to the condition of the State, and if fixed in the Constitution will be a cause of embarrassment and difficulty and strife, seriously affecting the public peace and the harmony and good order of society.

The population of Virginia is very sparsely and unequally distributed over the territory of the State, and the physical and geographical features of the country are such as to render wholly impracticable any arbitrary plan of subdivision for local purposes. The most we have been able to do, thus far, is to make the counties the units of local government, and to give to the county courts, composed of all the county justices, the control and direction of the local government and police.

In view of the introduction into our system of so large a political element so inequally distributed as we propose in the complete predominance of the whole white race in one section of the State, and of the colored race in another section, we are very earnestly of opinion that any system of local government and police engrafted upon the Constitution, and placed under the absolute control of limited districts, will naturally incur the distrust and excite the apprehensions of the local minority, and tend to collisions calculated to impair personal security and to endanger the public peace. The same difficulties surround the subjects of local taxation and education, in regard to which we are satisfied that the proposed system will be found unequal and unjust in its operation, and in its result intolerably expensive and oppressive. The solution of these difficulties which we propose is, to strike the whole of this system from the Constitution, and to leave it to the Legislature, in which all localities, interests and classes will be fully represented, to regulate the whole subject by laws, which will be at all times open to modification and improvement, such as experience may suggest or the public interest may require.

The next modification proposed by us is to strike out the provisions in Article 11, relating to homestead and other exemptions. The laws of Virginia now in force provide liberal homestead and other exemptions, prospective in their operations. The provisions of these laws are believed to be not materially different from those in the proposed Constitution, except in regard to past indebtedness, as to which we regard the proposed provision as clearly in conflict with the Constitution of the United States. The only important difference which we attach to striking out this provision grows out of its injurious effect upon the minds of the people, whose necessities already incline them to look with favor upon any suggestion of relief from pecuniary obligation.

The only remaining suggestion of modification is as to the maximum of taxation for local free school purposes in Article eight, section eight.

It will be observed that we have made no objection to the school system proposed, except so far as it depends on the local organization to which we have already referred. No objection is offered in any quarter to the establishment of a thorough system of free public schools, as least as rapidly as the proposed constitution requires; and although we have asked to strike out the mode of local taxation proposed, we have suggested a modification which avoids any diminution of the amount to be raised by taxation for public free school purposes.

In suggesting the modifications referred to, we by no means wish to be understood as conceding that the proposed Constitution is free from what we regard as important defects in other particulars, but we do not understand it to be the purpose of Congress to interfere in such matters further than may be required by high considerations affecting the integrity of the Constitution and the maintenance of justice and domestic tranquility. We have, therefore, confined our objections to provisions of the proposed Constitution falling properly, as we believe, within the scope of such an interposition.

The clauses which we ask to have stricken out from the proposed Constitution are of different degrees of importance, but the least important we think, will be found to involve some grave public mischief or injustice. Those included in our first suggestion could not but plunge our State into anarchy and discord, and disturb the general and growing harmony of the two races of our people, if not to array them in deplorable hostility to one another. They would arrest immigration, paralyze all forms of industry, destroy our domestic peace and hopeof prosperity, and render us a burden to the Union, instead of an important addition to its resources, wealth, credit, and power.

In our personal interview with the Committee we called their attention to provisions of the proposed Constitution, and especially to that relating to usury, as instances of the insertion into a constitution of matters peculiarly proper to be left to ordinary legislation. The provision in regard to usury is one new in Virginia, and will establish a policy which, whatever may be its merits, must seriously affect all the material interests of our people. It is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Committee, whether a measure of legislation so important, and in regard to which opinion is so much divided, ought to be fixed in the Constitution, and so placed beyond legislative control.

As to the mode of granting relief from the mischievous provisions to which we have referred, to-wit: by act of Congress, suggesting modifications, as incidental conditions precedent, we desire to say that it has been suggested to us by a careful examination of the precedents found in the past legislation of Congress, and upon consultation with a number of the wisest and most experienced members of both Houses. In the preparation of the amendments proposed to the pending bill we have endeavored fairly to follow the precedents established in the cases; and we may be permitted to suggest, in conclusion, that we believe it will be found that the modifications proposed by us will, in fact, conform the proposed Constitution to the principles and policy of the Reconstruction acts.

It is, perhaps, proper to say, we, and those with whom we act, though concurring, as we believe, with the people of Virginia, do not claim to be authorized to speak for them.

Respectfully, your obedient servants,

ALEX. H. H. STUART,
JOHN B. BALDWIN,
WYNDHAM ROBERTSON,
W. T. SUTHERLIN,
J. R. NELSON,
J. P. JOHNSON,
W. L. OWEN,
J. L. MARYE, Jr.,
J. E. SLAUGHTER,
Committee.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 19, 1869.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Ex-Gov. ORR's first charge as Judge of the South Carolina Court of General Sessions is highly spoken of by the Press of that State.

BELLE BOYD's engagement in Houston, Texas, has ended prematurely, and she has published a column card explaining matters.

Gov. CRAPLIN, of Massachusetts, has appointed the following staff: Brevet Major-Gen. A. B. UNDERWOOD, of Newton, late Brigadier-General Volunteers, U. S. A.; Col. JAMES L. BATES, of Weymouth, late Colonel Twelfth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers; Brevet Brig.-Gen. EDWARD H. HOLLOWELL, of Boston, late Colonel Fifty-fourth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers; Brevet Brig.-Gen. J. CUSHING EDMANDS, of Newton, late Colonel Thirty-second Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

It is said that Gen. WADE HAMPTON has not authorized the use of his name in connection with the Presidency of the South Carolina Railroad Company.

Ex-Gov. COLLESS, of Illinois, is to have a public reception and banquet at Decatur on Tuesday next.

Ex-Gov. WISE has written a second letter, two columns long, in opposition to the new conservative movement in Virginia, and says he is not yet done.

Messrs. APPLETON & Co. are about to start a new literary weekly journal, in which they will publish a translation of VICTOR HUGO's forthcoming novel.

Gen. GRANT declines the tender of hospitalities of the City of Baltimore, voted by the Councils, on account of previous engagements. He will receive the citizens, probably, on Saturday morning.

BAYARD TAYLOR has finished his translation of the First Part of GOETHE's *Faust*, and is now at work upon the Second. The work will not be ready for publication for several months.

The most serious loss by the fire at the Derby Athenæum is the destruction of WEIR's magnificent picture, "The Forging of the Shaft," which was justly considered the artist's masterpiece.

Mr. MOTLEY's masterly address before the Historical Society in December last will be published immediately by Messrs. CHARLES SCRIBNER & Co., in a handsome octavo pamphlet of eighty pages. As no complete report of this address was published at the time of its delivery, this announcement will gratify those who did not have the privilege of hearing it, as well as those who were so fortunate as to be present.

At a meeting of dentists, held at Mott Library Jan. 13, the death of Dr. A. W. ALLEN, lately a prominent member of the profession, was noticed in a series of appropriate resolutions, which will be found in another column.

Rev. Dr. EZRA L. GARRETT, the oldest-settled clergyman in Boston, recently sent in his resignation on account of the failure of his health. His people, whom he has served forty-five years, declined to accept his resignation, but granted him a respite from his labors, and it is understood that he intends to spend a few months abroad.

The Detroit *Advertiser* says: "Rev. IGNATIUS MRACK has been appointed by the Pope, Roman Catholic Bishop of Marquette, in place of Bishop BARAGA, deceased. The appointment was made at the request of all the Bishops in the last Plenary Council in Baltimore, and in accordance with the unanimous vote of the Sacred Congregation of Cardinals. The date of his consecration is not yet fixed."

A memorial has been presented to the Ohio Legislature, asking that the grounds surrounding the tomb of Ex-President WM. HENRY HARRISON, at North Bend, Hamilton County, may be properly inclosed. The immediate relatives of the late President are unable to place the grounds in proper condition and repair, and offer to convey them to the State upon condition that they shall be properly attended to.

Hon. B. H. HILL has recently paid $40,000 for one-half interest in an estate in Dougherty County, Ga., and is to have the entire control and management of the property.

DOUGLAS JERROLD is on trial in New-Orleans on a charge of embezzlement.

Gen. H. G. GIBSON, of the United States Army, is at the Clarendon Hotel. Judge T. L. Jewett, of Pennsylvania, Gen. George W. Cass, of Pittsburg, Judge L. S. Trimble, of Kentucky, Hon. G. R. Lindeman, of Pennsylvania, Hon. G. A. Faulk, of Philadelphia, and Hon. G. C. Fist, of Springfield, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Gen. W. B. Wood, of the United States Army, is at the St. Charles Hotel. Hon. William Williams, of Buffalo, is at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Gen. J. H. Martindale, of Rochester, is at the Hoffman House.

List of Americans registered at the office of BOWLES BROTHERS & Co., No. 19, Rue de la Paix, Paris, for the week ending Dec. 31, 1868: New-York—Mr. W. M. Halsted, Mr. J. K. Mayers, Jr., Mr. A. W. Hearn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mattison, Mr. D. Lowber Smith, Mr. Charles F. McKim, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. F. S. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hurlbut, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hearn, Mr. E. W. Andrews, Mr. L. Roberts and family. Boston—Mr. W. C. Sawyer, Miss R. Bradford, Miss E. Walcott, Mr. A. Walcott. Philadelphia—Mr. George Martin. Chicago, Ill.—Mr. A. V. Terry, Mr. F. P. Updike, Mr. O. H. Keep, Mr. W. W. Cobb. New-Bedford—Mr. W. Rotch. Cincinnati—Mr. L. S. Worthington, Mr. M. H. Thomas, Mr. L. D. Thomas, Mr. F. S. Taft. Erie—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sherrill. New-Haven—Mr. and Mrs. T. Parke and wife. Auburndale—Mrs. D. C. Scudder, Miss Veda Scudder, Miss J. M. Dutton. Cosmopolitan—Mr. H. Fuller, Mr. C. M. Hubs. Northampton—Mr. E. A. Whitney. San Francisco—Mr. J. F. Swift and family. Taunton—Mrs. G. A. Crocker, Miss Crocker, Mr. F. B. A. Crocker. Pratsford—Miss Mary Murphy. United States—Mr. Charles A. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Craig.

THEATRICALS IN LONDON.—A writer in the *Daily News* gives some details of theatrical management. The expenses of a large first-class West End theatre are estimated at from £400 to £450 a week. As a rule the receipts are below the expenses; the loss is made up by some lucky hit, when they are largely in excess. Christmas is the best theatrical season in the year; Summer is the worst, except when it is wet. About $500 a year is spent on colors and canvas. The gas bill comes to £30 a week, but at Christmas the moon generally costs the manager at least £20 a week on its own account. One of the difficulties of a manager is getting actresses to play the parts of women—they all want to show their legs (usually padded) as fairy princes, and so on. Ballet girls get about 25s. a week, and the writer vouches for their morality. The tariff of dramatic authorship varies very much. "Three or five-act plays, when not paid for by a percentage on profits, usually cost from £200 to £300, or from £3 to £6 every night they are acted. The price of a good burlesque varies from £50 to £120. Farces are seldom worth more than £10."—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

Pennsylvania has the following new railroads in progress and projected: Wilmington and Reading, Pittsburg and Connelsville, (extension,) Columbia and Port Deposit, Philadelphia and Baltimore Central, (extension,) Plymouth Railroad, (Lancaster,) Lebanon and Pinegrove, Pennsylvania and New-York Canal and Railroad, Northern Railroad and Navigation.

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Holders desiring to present their Bonds for payment are requested to notify the Agent of State on or before the 25th day of March.

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Ex-officio State Debt Sinking Fund Commissioners.
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 7, 1869.

MERCHANTS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of Stockholders representing two-thirds of the stock of the Association, to go into liquidation and be closed, has been taken, and that this Association is closing up its affairs accordingly.

A full statement of the affairs of this Association and other creditors thereof are hereby notified to present said notes and other claims against this Association for payment at the Banking-house of said Association in the City of Troy.

Dated TROY, Dec. 31, 1868.
By order of the Board of Directors.
ALEX. MILNE, Cashier.

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OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY OF MARYLAND, No. 11 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1869.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Company, for the election of a President and Directors, will be held in this City, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon. The polls will be closed at 1 o'clock.
A special meeting of the stockholders will be held at 1 o'clock, same place, for the consideration of such business as may be presented.
The transfer books will be closed from the 10th inst. until after the election. JAMES S. MAGEE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.
AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, held on 12th inst., the following gentlemen were chosen Directors for ensuing year:
JAMES N. COBB, PHILIP M. LYDIG,
JOHN C. JONES, FELIX INGOLDSBY,
WM. H. BEEKMAN, DANIEL H. BERRING,
ROBERT RAY, JOSEPH SAMPSON,
E. LENOX KENNEDY, GEORGE A. JONES,
SANFORD COBB, WILLIAM H. GUION.
JAMES A. ROOSEVELT,
At a subsequent meeting of the Board Sanford Cobb was unanimously re-elected President.
A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, New-York, Jan. 14, 1869.—At an election for Directors, held on TUESDAY, 12th inst., the following gentlemen were chosen for the ensuing year, viz.:
W. L. COGSWELL, NICO. COLLINS,
F. T. BUCKLEY, B. H. LOWRY,
R. W. COZZENS, J. J. CRANE,
G. W. SAMPSON, G. H. GARNART,
E. STORS, W. H. TIS DALE,
A. SKIDDY, H. A. HOWE,
W. H. GUION, J. BOORMAN JOHNSTON,
EDWIN PARSONS.
At a meeting of the Directors held this day, ROBERT B. LOWRY was unanimously re-elected President, and JOHN J. CRANE Vice-President.
B. W. FORD, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1869.—AT AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 12TH inst., the following gentlemen were chosen Directors for ensuing year, viz.:
UNION ADAMS, ROBERT DUNLAP,
WILLIAM H. OGDEN, THOMAS McELRATH,
CHARLES E. CORNELL, BENJAMIN T. SEALEY,
CONRAD BRAKEN, JR., JOHN BOWNE, JR.,
WILLIAM H. HIPP.
At a subsequent meeting, UNION ADAMS, Esq., was unanimously elected President.
CHARLES SHIDDS, Cashier.

SHELDEN AND COLUMBIAN COPPER COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—Notice is hereby given that the stockholders of the above Company will be held at the office, No. 2 William-st., New-York, on MONDAY, the 1st day of February, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., to vote upon the question of imposing the additional work of the Company and of levying further assessments, by order of the Trustees.
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Coupon, do	111	111¼	5-20 Coupon, '68	108¾	109
5-20 Reg., 1862	109¾	109¾	10-40 Registered	104	104¼
5-20 Coup., do	109¾	109¾	10-40 Coupon	104¼	104¾
5-20 Coupon, '64	108¾	108¾	Gold	135¾	135¾
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Texas Sterling Bonds.
Texas Coupon Bonds.
Texas Coupon Bonds, Small Denominations.
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Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Cabin. Outside.	Inside.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
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FOUR TIMES A MONTH
On 1st, 9th, 16th and 24th,
except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
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UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month.
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UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
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COLUMBIA, Capt. J. VAN SICE.....Jan. 21.
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, via Nassau.....Jan. 28.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. H. ADAMS.....Feb. 4.
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VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.
The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the first-class steamer
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Carrying the United States mails.
The well-known steamship
VIRGO, Capt. HOFFMAN,
will leave Pier No. 6 North River, on
SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 12 o'clock P. M.

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BIENVILLE follows.....Feb. 6.
DE SOTO follows.....Feb. 13.

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BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY.
The first-class steamships HUNTSVILLE will leave Pier No. 13 North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 23, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage, apply to
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Cabin passage $20.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
GEO. CROMWELL.....VAILL.....SATURDAY, Jan. 23
GEO. WASHINGTON.....Adams.....SATURDAY, Jan. 30
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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL PRINTER,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1868.

In pursuance of the provisions of the fourth section of the act entitled "An act to further regulate the printing of the public documents, and the purchase of paper for the public printing," approved on the 27th of July, 1868, Sealed Proposals will be received until TUESDAY, the 26th day of January, 1869, at 3 o'clock A. M., for furnishing the Paper for the public printing until the 1st day of December, 1869; the said proposals to be opened before, and the award of contracts to be made by the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing, to be the lowest and best bidder for the interests of the Government. The subjoined schedule specifies, as nearly as can be ascertained, the quantity of each kind of paper that will be required, but the contracts will be entered into for all that may be needed during the year, and no more:

CLASS 1.—UNCALENDERED PRINTING PAPER.
25,000 reams of fine Printing Paper, uncalendered, measuring 24x38 inches, and weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

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1,000 reams of superfine calendered Printing Paper, measuring 20x24 inches, and weighing forty-four pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

CLASS 3.—SIZED AND CALENDERED PRINTING PAPER.
1,000 reams superfine Printing Paper, hard-sized and super-calendered, measuring 20x28 inches, and weighing forty-five pounds to the ream of 500 sheets.

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CLASS 5.—WRITING PAPER, (to be of any required weights:)
3,000 reams Quarto Post, 16x20 inches.
2,000 reams Flat Cap, 13x17½, or 14x17 inches.
1,000 reams Double Cap, 17½x28, or 17x28 inches.
2,000 reams Medium, 18x23 inches.
2,000 reams Double Demy, 20½x32 inches.
1,000 reams Folio Post, 17x22 inches.
1,000 reams Double Folio Post, 22x34 inches.
500 reams Medium, 18x23 inches.
500 reams Royal, 19x24 inches.
500 reams Super Royal, 20x28 inches.
500 reams Imperial, 22½x31 inches.
500 reams Lower Paper, measuring 24x38 inches, and of any required color or colors.
1,000 reams of Lining, of such size not enumerated above, and not exceeding 32x40 inches.

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500 reams, measuring 20x32 inches, weighing 42 pounds per ream.
500 reams, measuring 18x32 inches, weighing 30 pounds per ream.
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Proposals will be received for the whole quantity, or for any portion not less than one thousand reams, of the papers designated in Classes 1 and 2, and for the whole quantity of the papers in Classes 3 and 4, and for any one of the papers in Class 5, being not less than one-fourth. Samples of the quality of the papers, in all the classes, will be furnished upon application at this office, and the successful bidder will be required rigidly to conform to the samples furnished.

Each class will be considered separately, and, be satisfied by the proper authority, that bidders may offer for one or more of the classes in the same proposal.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a bond with security, to the approval of a United States judge or attorney, in the penalty of $10,000, that the bidder or bidders, if his or their proposal shall be accepted, shall furnish the articles proposed for; and each proposal must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the person or persons making said proposal are manufacturers of or dealers in the description of paper upon which they propose to furnish.

All the paper in the several classes must be delivered at the Government Printing Office, in the City of Washington, in good order, free from all and every encumbrance or expense, and subject to the inspection of the Congressional printer, and be in all respects satisfactory.

The inferior article in any of the classes, or a failure to supply the quantity required at any time, will be considered a violation of the contract.

Blank proposals will be furnished upon application at this office, and no other proposal will be considered which does not conform exactly thereto.

Proposals will be indorsed on the envelope "Proposals for Paper," and addressed to the Joint Committee on Public Printing, either to the care of Hon. H. S. Anthony, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Printing; Hon. A. H. Laflin, Chairman of the House Committee on Printing; or John D. Defrees, Congressional Printer, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing.
JOHN D. DEFREES,
Congressional Printer.

FRESH BEEF AND VEGETABLES.

PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, UNITED STATES NAVY, No. 32 Pine-st., New-York, Jan. 21, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS, indorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Vegetables," will be received at this office until 1 o'clock P. M., of TUESDAY, the 26th day of January, 1869, for the supply of 200,000 pounds of Fresh Beef and 200,000 pounds of Fresh Vegetables, at the Brooklyn Navy-yard and Station, as required. The Beef to be of good quality, and the Vegetables of the best the market affords, and each article must be offered for by the pound. The Beef to be in equal proportions, fore and hind quarters.

Bonds, with approved security, will be required in one-half the estimated amount of the contract, and twenty per cent thereof in addition will be withheld from the amount of each payment to be made, as collateral security for the due performance of the contract, which will, on no account, be paid until it is fully complied with.

Every offer made must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation within five days, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the articles proposed; the responsibility of the guarantors to be certified by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which they reside.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such guarantee, and the necessary evidence that the bidder is a regular dealer in the articles proposed and has the means required by act of Congress.

It is to be understood that in case the standard quantity of either article shall be delivered, leaving a balance due on the other article, the contract may be considered as completed in full, at the option of the Department.

The Department reserves the right to reject any proposal not considered advantageous to the Government.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC MAIL Steamship Company's steamer HENRY CHAUNCEY, sailing on SATURDAY, 23d inst., at 12 M. Freight received until 4 P. M. on FRIDAY, 22d inst.
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Water-st., between Greenwich and Washington sts.
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The Joint Convention for Nominating a United States Senator—Executive Session of the Senate—Confirmation of Appointments—The Assembly Committees Not Yet Announced—A Soldiers' Monument in Central Park.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1869.

The closing formalities of the rather peculiar mode provided by Congress for the election of a United States Senator were gone through with to-day. The Senate, headed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, proceeded to the Assembly Chamber, where, in joint convention, the two houses "compared nominations." As the result of the "comparison," REUBEN E. FENTON was declared Senator in Congress from this State for six years from the 4th of March next. The rather unpleasant duty of announcing this result devolved upon Mr. BLACK, the Democratic Lieutenant-Governor, who presided over the joint convention, and who performed the duty with the grace and good nature that distinguishes all his official acts, and which are gaining for him a rapidly increasing popularity.

SENATE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

After the joint convention the Senate went into Executive Session for the first time during the session, and confirmed a large number of Notaries Public besides the following State officers: Commissary-General, WM. H. MORRIS, Democrat, of Putnam County; State Commissioner of Charities, NATHAN B. BISHOP, LL. D., Republican, of New-York; Major-General of Militia, JOHN W. WILLIAMS, of Rochester. Dr. BISHOP is at present Chairman of the Executive Committee of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, and was nominated State Commissioner by Gov. FENTON during the recess.

THE COMMITTEES.

The Assembly was again disappointed to-day in not getting from Speaker YOUNGLOVE an announcement of his Committees. They have got used to waiting, however, and can stand it another day. It is now said that they will positively be announced to-morrow. There is a fierce fight for the Chairmanship of the leading Committees, and a desire to reconcile the difficulty and pacify all parties so far as possible is given as an excuse for still further delaying their announcement. The Speaker says he expects there will be some squirming, and it is not likely he will be disappointed. He professes to be more anxious to construct good committees than to fulfil past promises. The sharpest contest is for the chairmanship of the Committee on Cities and Villages, which is supposed to contain the largest amount of stealings. LA RUE, of Warren, GLEASON, of St. Lawrence, and RICHMOND, of New-York, are the chief contestants, and GLEASON's chances are said to-day to be a little ahead. He probably knows the least about cities of the three, but it may be that in this case ignorance is bliss. Rumor assigns the chairmanship of the Railroad Committee to Judge W. W. CAMPBELL, of Otsego, formerly of the Superior Court of New-York. This appointment will be satisfactory to everybody and eminently fit to be made, as Judge CAMPBELL has no enemies, and in point of integrity and capacity, few rivals in the Legislature.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT IN THE CENTRAL PARK.

The Assembly went into Committee of the Whole to-day, and by unanimous consent passed to a third reading Mr. MURPHY's bill authorizing the Board of Supervisors of New-York City to appropriate a sum not exceeding $20,000 for the erection of a soldiers' monument in Central Park. The appropriation is very moderate, and after the Supervisors have taken out their usual commissions, the chances are that the "Soldiers' monument" will be reduced to a wooded head-stone. S.

Election of United States Senator.

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At noon the members of the Senate proceeded to the Assembly Chamber, where the Lieutenant-Governor took the chair, and announced both Houses in the joint session for the purpose of electing a United States Senator in place of EDWIN D. MORGAN. The Clerks of each House read that part of their journals showing the action of each branch with reference to the election of Senator, when the Lieutenant-Governor arose, and in behalf of the Senate and Assembly, announced that REUBEN E. FENTON was duly elected United States Senator from the State of New-York for the term of six years from March 4, 1869, in place of EDWIN D. MORGAN.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

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By Mr. HALE—To amend section 426 of the Code of Procedure.

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By Mr. MORGAN—To amend the act relative to supplying vacancies in the office of Justices of Peace.

By Mr. FOLGER—To provide for the submission to the people of the amended Constitution for the election of Judges.

By Mr. MURPHY—To incorporate the Fifth-avenue Savings Bank of Brooklyn.

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Mr. WILLIAMS' bill proposes to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Appeals to $6,000, and Justices of the Supreme Court to $5,000, in lieu of all other compensation.

Mr. TWEED introduced a bill providing that in proceedings relative to assessment for local improvements in New-York, where any fraud is discovered whereby damage has been sustained by the owner, the party aggrieved may apply to the Judge of the Supreme Court in Special Term, who shall proceed to hear proof at once. If fraud has been committed said assessment shall be vacated.

BILLS PASSED.

Authorizing the construction of a new bridge in Rathbone, Steuben County. Establishing an academical department in the Union School in Oswego.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

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Executive sessions for the purpose of confirming nominees only were entered for Thursday and Friday, and the Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

BILLS PASSED.

To incorporate the Tritomer Schutzer Company. To amend the charter of Phelps, Ontario County.

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By Mr. MOSHER—To amend the act relative to the Brooklyn fire limits. Also, relative to conveyance.

By Mr. CARPENTER—Relative to the commutation of taxes for the support of the National Guard.

By Mr. RAYMAN—Relative to the tax on dogs.

By Mr. WARMOUTH—To amend the charter of the Cosmos Insurance Company of New-York.

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A Mysterious Case.

The inquest on the body of JAMES JOHNSON, who was found upon the Erie Railway, a short distance east of the Bergen tunnel, on the 11th instant, was resumed before Coroner WHITE, at Union Hill, yesterday.

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Sunday night last, somebody who was in possession of the information concluded to put the Police upon the track of the hunted man, and, as a consequence, Capt. CAMERON, of the Eighteenth Precinct, received a note, saying, "TOM MCGINNEY, *alias* Blake, is at Waterbury, Conn., working in a woolen factory." Accompanying this note was the name of the writer, and an appointment of a time and place where an interview could be had. Capt. CAMERON received this note on Monday morning, when on his way to the funeral of Inspector LEONARD, and as soon as he returned, sought and obtained the interview with the person. As a next step, he secured an accurate description of the person of McGINNEY, but the net result of all this was a vexatious delay, and Capt. CAMERON did not get his detectives, YOUNG and LA RUE, started for Waterbury until yesterday morning. In very great spirits these officers began their journey, and they enjoyed the anticipation of bringing the great detective prize of the season, until they arrived at Bridgeport, Conn. There they met the Chief of Police of that city, and he threw a wet blanket upon them by imparting the news that the prize had been won, and McGINNEY, arrested by a New-York detective on the previous day, had already gone to New-York in custody. In proof of his story he produced a copy of the Waterbury Gazette, containing the same version of the affair given above. YOUNG and LA RUE therefore turned from Bridgeport, and would doubtless have congratulated the lucky New-York detective, if they could have found him, upon his success.

But that detective proved a veritable "shadow." He eluded all search, and kept himself and his secret not only from the public, but from the knowledge of such high officials as Superintendent KENNEDY. Several Police Captains were sure that McGINNEY was in town and in custody, or under surveillance, but none of them could give anything more definite. It seems certain that the person who had "given away" McGINNEY to Capt. CAMERON had imparted the same information to other parties, and that some one had pounced down on the prize with amazing alacrity.

But this assumed capture of McGINNEY was not the most singular nor even the most important of the developments of yesterday. Some new theory of the murderer has obtained official credit, and McGINNEY, as a consequence, has sunk temporarily at least to a secondary position. Just now the authorities give out that they want McGINNEY only as a witness, and even that they are not sure that he is of much value in that capacity. The opinions of Mayor HALL and others on this point have been divulged, in consequence of the efforts that have been made by the friends of McGINNEY to barter his presumed importance in connection with the murder for an annulment of the nineteen months' service he owes the State at Sing Sing. But these vagabonds failed to remember that they were dealing with shrewd, experienced men, and so insisted that their man was ready to surrender in exchange for the promise of annulment, but at the same time they affirmed that he knew nothing whatever about the matter. In this way they managed to overreach themselves, and could get no further promise from Mayor HALL than that McGINNEY should have the required pardon from Sing Sing, provided he gave information that should prove serviceable in unravelling the mystery of the murder. Gov. HOFFMAN joined in this assurance, but it did not appear to be exactly what McGINNEY wanted, and he did not surrender. Hence the authorities seem to have interest that McGINNEY is really as ignorant of the murder as he says he is, and this his arrest will be of little value in furthering the ends of justice.

The latest rumor of last night was that McGINNEY had been sent direct to his old quarters at Sing Sing, and thus at once secured to do "the State some service," and utterly ignored in connection with the Rogers murder.

A Mysterious Case.

The inquest on the body of JAMES JOHNSON, who was found upon the Erie Railway, a short distance east of the Bergen tunnel, on the 11th instant, was resumed before Coroner WHITE, at Union Hill, yesterday.

At the examination of witnesses Louis Bergman, a Hudson City Policeman, testified that referred to the Police Commissioners, and that the order of the Board in the premises was not to be carried into effect.

chance was sent to the Police Station in Hudson City, on the morning of Monday, the 11th instant, that an injured man was lying at the Rock Tavern; he went, in company with Officer Peck, to the house, where he found Johnson sitting in a chair insensible, with blood flowing from his mouth; there was a wound upon the back of his head; witness could get no information as to the way in which Johnson was injured.

Dr. H. S. Hammond testified: That the deceased bore a scalp wound over the left ear, which was, in his opinion, caused by falling upon a sharp stone or by a blow from a sharp instrument; there were no other wounds.

Edward Mannon, a laborer, testified: That he saw the deceased when he was being carried into the Rock Tavern, and was told by the deceased that he "got hurt by stepping off the car."

Thomas McMahon was sworn, and testified to the fact that he was with Johnson at four o'clock on the 11th inst., at which time the latter was perfectly sober, and was on his way home to 12 Mott Hill.

The inquest was further postponed after the examination of this witness, in order to obtain the testimony of other witnesses who were not present. The case is exciting a great deal of interest, the suspicion being entertained by many that the deceased was not upon the cars at all, but that he was carried to the spot and laid between the tracks.

Address Before the New-York State Military Association.

Rev. Mr. GALLAHER, of Brooklyn, delivered a very able and interesting oration last evening, at Steinway Hall, to the New-York State Military Association, which had been in business session during yesterday and Tuesday. The address turned entirely upon the deeds and heroism of our army during the late war, and upon the beneficent results which have proceeded from its prowess. He said that from first to last 2,668,000 men were enlisted during its course, and of these 460,000 were from the State of New-York alone. This latter number, he remarked, was twice the number of men that England ever had power to call into the field. In speaking of the theatre of the war, the land that was actually traversed and fought over, he observed that if the whole of France were laid upon it, that country would be no more in comparison than a baby's apron to his overcoat. Mr. GALLAHER in praising the valor of the army, complimented no less the ready and obedient manner in which it disbanded on the order of the Government. He particularly praised the silent and uncomplaining relinquishment of command shown by FREMONT, MCCLELLAN, SHERIDAN, HUNTER, HOOKER and other Generals when they had reason to suppose themselves unfairly treated.

At the close of the address a guidon was presented by Brig.-Gen. ASHENWALL, President of the Association, to the Seventy-fourth Regiment, located at Buffalo, and received by Col. FINCH, the commander. The body of the flag was of dark blue silk, fringed with gold. In the centre were the arms of the Association, surrounded by its title, viz.: "New-York State Military Association." The guidon cost $100.

Mr. GEORGE W. WARNER, of Grace Church, performed on the organ, both before and after Mr. GALLAHER's address.

Marriage Registration in New-York.

As there is considerable inquiry in regard to the duties of clergymen in certifying and forwarding marriage returns, we will quote briefly the requirements of the law, as stated in the *Evening Post*:

If the marriage is solemnized in either of the Counties of New-York, Westchester, Richmond or Queens, the return should be made within five days to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, in New-York; if within the County of Kings, it should be addressed to Dr. R. CRESSON STILES, Court-house, Brooklyn. If the return is not made within ten days, the omission may be punished by a fine of $10, to be sued for and recovered by the Commissioners Board of Health. It will now be easy for each clergyman to decide for himself in regard to the frequency and extent of his own delinquencies.

If the marriage be celebrated outside of the counties above named—in other words, if it does not take place within the Metropolitan Sanitary District—the clergyman is required to give the Clerk of the School District in which the marriage may be solemnized access to his registry, and furnish such other information as may be necessary to enable such Clerk to make these returns to the Clerk of the county. The returns find their way annually from the County Clerks through the Secretary of State to the Legislature. It is the duty of every clergyman to keep a registry and to note the ages of the persons married, the time of the marriage, and their places of birth, in such registry. (See Laws of 1847, chapter 152, New-York Statutes at Large, volume iv., pp. 281, 282.)

Enough these statements show it is not so clear to a large number of very amiable and excellent clergymen, that they are delinquents within a strict construction of the Registry laws.

The Progress of the Age—Lecture by Dr. J. R. Buchanan.

The first of a series of ten lectures projected by the Democratic Republican Association for the benefit of the citizens of the Ninth Ward who desire a quiet and intellectual evening's entertainment, free of charge, was delivered last evening in Lebanon Hall, No. 698 Hudson-street, by Dr. J. R. BUCHANAN, late of Kentucky. His subject, though somewhat hackneyed, he succeeded in dressing up in a manner both interesting and instructive. He reviewed in a general way the progress of nature from barrenness and emptiness to fruitfulness, populousness and beauty. Then referred to the advance of science in agriculture, whereby the hoe was replaced by the horse plow, and that by steam power. He then speculated somewhat on the advance yet to be achieved, and, to his mind, not far distant, when steam, with its ponderous engine, would be replaced by caloric, the amount of which, produced by one ton of coal, if fully utilized, gave a power equal to the labor of a million men for twenty-four years, and the progress of the largest steam vessel for twelve hours. After recapitulating all the forms in which the products of the soil, including fruits of every kind, are by the application of science preserved to us through all seasons of the year, and transported almost with the same freshness, as when gathered, to every clime, he foreshadowed the physical, intellectual and moral improvement of the world, when in the coming century, by the combined influence of physical and moral advancement wars should cease, peace reign throughout the land, and man expend for his subsistence not more than one-third the time now and for years demanded by the inevitable decree, "in the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread."

Sale of Seats for Brougham's Theatre.

The seats for the opening night at Brougham's Theatre were sold at auction yesterday afternoon. The bidders were prompt, and all the seats were disposed of in about an hour and a half. The first choice of boxes brought $35. The second $35. Mr. BROUGHAM then tried selling, and the third and fourth choices brought $25, when he resigned to Mr. LEONE. The orchestra chairs sold, the first choice, $3 50, the fourth $7 50 and the rest went at prices varying from $5 to $3. Balcony chairs sold from $3 to $2 50. Pit seats from $2 to $1 50. Mr. BROUGHAM undertook the business of selling again, and disposed of the entire second gallery to one man at $2 50 a seat.

Mr. BROUGHAM announced that the premiums paid were to go to the Dramatic Fund. The amount realized for that end was about $2,000. After the sale the buyers went up stairs at a champagne lunch.

United States Steamer Richmond—List of Officers.

The United States steamer *Richmond* will sail from Boston, Mass., about the 30th inst., to join the European Squadron. The following is a list of her officers:

Captain, J. R. M. Mullany; Lieutenant-Commanders, R. R. Wallace, J. W. Philie, D. R. Cassell, A. S. Crowninshield, J. B. Coghlan and J. H. Sands; Ensigns, L. N. Houseel, F. Collins, W. B. H. Fraley, L. D. Webster, J. G. Eaton; First Lieutenant of Marines, R. S. Collum; Surgeon, S. P. Cones; First Assistant Surgeon, J. Ridgely; Paymaster, J. Ramsay; Chief Engineer, J. Johnson; First Assistant Engineers, F. A. Wilson and F. G. Smith; Second Assistant Engineers, E. W. Philips and J. W. Hollihan; Third Assistant Engineer, T. M. Ashton; Boatswain, Robert Dixon; Gunner, John Rogers; Carpenter, E. Thompson; Sailmaker, W. Rogers; Captain's Clerk, E. C. Gillespie; Paymaster's Clerk, S. W. Thomas.

Startling Suicide.

At 11 o'clock last evening Officer EDWARDS, of the Fifteenth Precinct, was going over his beat on the north side of Astor-place, and when near the corner of Lafayette-place, heard the report of a pistol on the opposite side of Astor-place, and turning quickly around, saw a man fall to the pavement. The officer rushed over and discovered that the man had shot himself through the head and was already dead. The body was taken in charge and removed to the Mercer-street Station-house, where it was identified as that of a German named JOHN FRITZ, about 30 years of age. The body was elegantly dressed, and in the pocket of the overcoat was a letter addressed to GEORGE FRITZ, care of SCHAUBURGH & RUHE, No. 394 Broadway, in which the writer states that he could not live any longer, and asks his brother's pardon for taking his own life. He states that his financial matters are all arranged and his board paid up to the 19th inst. No further developments were obtained last evening, and Coroner ROLLINS having been notified, Sergeant FERRIS sent the body to the Morgue to await an inquest.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

During the week past a deep religious interest has been observed in the Forsyth-street Methodist Episcopal Church, and "protracted" meetings have been held nightly. The services have been well attended, and there have been several conversions, two of the converted ones being Roman Catholics. On Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, there will be a public temperance meeting in the main audience-room of the church, on which occasion there will be very interesting exercises.

About 2 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in premises No. 118 Chambers-street, occupied by HOLLANDER & BEYFELD, dealers in army clothing, &c. The fire was confined to the first floor, and the other occupants suffered principally from water.

The Police Commissioners have not yet filled the vacancy caused by the death of Inspector LEONARD. Several of the Captains are understood to be candidates for the promotion, but Capt. JOHN CAMERON, of the Eighteenth Precinct, and Capt. JOHN J. MOORE, of the Seventeenth Precinct, are understood to have the best chances for the place. Capt. MOORE will doubtless obtain the position if he deserves it, but in case he declines, Capt. CAMERON is considered to be most prominent. Both gentlemen are thoroughly qualified for the place.

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Neptune Division Sons of Temperance, was held in the church on Elizabeth-street, Rev. Edwards P. Ingra pastor, last evening. J. GLOVER, Esq., First Vice-President of the Society, presided, and after making a few remarks, introduced as the first speaker EDWIN L. BEARDSLEY, Esq., Superintendent of the Wide-Awake Temple of Honor, and also of the Young People's Temple of Honor, of Providence, R. I. Mr. BEARDSLEY, in the course of his address, spoke of the necessity and importance of young men and others signing the pledge before it was too late. It had been stated that there were about 100 temperance organizations in the City of New-York, and the speaker remarked that there was influence enough in these societies to create a revival of the temperance reform, that would be gratifying to every true friend of the cause. The President introduced as the next speaker, JOHN ALLEN, of Water-street, who stated that he had made up his mind to be true and faithful to the principles of temperance, from this time forward, and, as a proof of his sincerity, he signed a pronouncion in writing, to become a member of the Neptune Division of the Sons of Temperance.

At last night's session of the Sunday School Convention, now being held at Grace Chapel, Fourteenth-street, the subject of "Bible Classes" formed the subject of consideration. I. was treated by Dr. A. H. VINTON, of St. Mark's Church, under the head of the "Importance of Bible Study," both in Sunday Schools and for the teachers themselves. Rev. Dr. GARDNER, of the Church of the Holy Saviour, spoke of the "Course of Instruction" needed in Sunday Schools, and Revs. Dr. TUTTLE and GRAY on the subject of "Infant Classes" in Sunday Schools. There was a very fair attendance of the laity at last night's session.

Rev. HENRY ANGEL lectured last evening in the Sixth-street Baptist Church before the Manhattan Division No. 16 and a large and appreciative audience. He introduced his lecture by saying that he engaged in the work of the evening with a great deal of seriousness, and stated that while he believed in apt illustration and a story with a good point, yet he had no sympathy with the modern style of lecturing, creating to the taste of the public a desire for the clownish and funny alone. He then went on to show the evils of intemperance in every age, and proved very conclusively that seven-eighths of all the wars, murders, suicides and misery of earth were caused by the use of alcoholic liquors. His lecture was eloquent and logical.

At 9 o'clock last evening a fire occurred in the brick building in Twenty-third-street, near Third-avenue, in side of the "Chapel of Living Waters." The church of St. George's Church will be assisted on the occasion by Rtmc. MARIETTA GARZANIGA, Messrs. ARTHUR MATTHESON and EDGAR BROWNE, and Masters ERNEST REISE and WM. B. FORMAN. Mr. W. F. WILLIAMS will conduct the programme.

GEO. FRANCIS TRAIN delivered at the Cooper Institute, last evening, another of his lectures, for he avowed purpose of recovering the money expended in the political campaign in which he ran for member of Congress last Fall. He repeated his declarations of enmity to the British lion, spoke of what he had done and proposed to do in aid of Fenianism, and discharged a quantity of his Bastile epigrams. The audience was not large.

A lecture will be delivered at Tremor's Hall, Sixth-avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-second streets, to-night, by Rev. NOAH H. SCHENCK, D. D. Subject: "The Lift and Path of our Social Powers."

The President of the Union League Club has called a special meeting for this (Thursday) evening, to receive and act upon the amended reports of the inspectors and canvassers in the late election for officers.

The Fruit Growers' Club will meet to-day at 1:30 P. M., at their rooms, No. 245 Broadway. ANDREW S. FULLER will read an essay on "City Gardens."

The retail trade of Broadway appears to be suffering. Between Canal and Bleecker-streets at least a dozen first-class stores are empty.

A meeting of the East River Association, at Cooper Institute, Room No. 18, this (Thursday) evening, for the purpose of general discussion by citizens of the removal of rocks at Hell Gate, and the improvement of the East River generally.

The New-York Association of Hamilton Alumni hold their first reunion to-night at the Astor House.

Mr. HUMPHREY BLAND, a well-known actor, who died on the 17th inst., was buried yesterday, the funeral services taking place at the late residence of the deceased, No. 39 Rutgers-place, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams, Mrs. Scott, Messrs. Gilbert, Dyott, Conner, Whiting, Dunn, Barton Hill, and other well-known members of the profession.

New-Jersey.

A large number of houses in Jersey City and other portions of Hudson County are now vacant, and the words "to let" are more numerous than door-plates.